

Erhlich lecture encourages student-driven political discussion

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On Thursday, October 9, former Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich spoke to an audience of approximately 80 people in the Programming Room of the Andrew White Student Center concerning an array of political topics. Those in attendance included members of the local community, faculty and a large number of politically aware students.

The Loyola College Republicans, the Political Science department and the Student Government Association sponsored the discussion entitled "An Evening on Political Discourse."

Mobilization and education of the college electoral has been an ongoing effort on campus this fall. With the election season rapidly nearing its closure and the dawn of a new political era now on the horizon, now more than ever seems a fitting time to host such a discussion.

The concept for the discussion and its development resulted from the efforts of Loyola College junior

Nick Centanni, an Economics major and president of the Loyola College Republicans, who had been planning the event for over a month and a half. The discussion was one of many initiatives taken on by the club to promote political awareness and actively engage students in politics this fall.

"I think there is a lot of misinformation out there," says Nick, "and I think this type of event allows people to think about issues more and listen to the perspective of someone that has actually been there."

Actively engaging in politics, and paying attention to the actions and decisions made by those in the political sphere is something many consider important and is why an interactive discussion such as this is a vital component in igniting college students' political awareness.

"You get the government you deserve," says Dr. Stephen Walter, Economics professor and faculty advisor for the Loyola College Republicans, "and if you don't pay attention, even though it may be narrowly rational not to pay much

attention to these things; if everyone does what is in their narrow, short term interest, then what you get is a really bad political outcome."

Governor Erhlich was one of only six Republican governors in Maryland's history. He attended the Gilman School in Baltimore. Upon high school graduation, he went on to attend Princeton University where he studied Political Science and co-captained the football team. After graduating from Princeton in 1979, he went on to attend Wake Forest University School of Law.

In 1986, Erhlich successfully ran for the House of Delegates and represented Baltimore County from 1987-1995. In 1994, Erhlich was elected to the US House of Representatives where he served on a number of different committees including the Commerce Committee and Energy Committee. Despite the fact that Maryland traditionally votes Democratic and had not elected a Republican governor in more than 40 years, Erhlich was victorious in the 2002 Gubernatorial Election but was not elected for a second term. Erhlich currently hosts

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Lupe "Wakes Up" Loyola

In what was the fastest-selling concert in recent memory, "Superstar" Lupe Fiasco put on quite a performance for a sold out crowd in Reitz Arena this past Saturday. See Arts & Society for a picture spread.

Student Showdown - Presidential Debate Style



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Exactly three weeks from election day, the Loyola Rock the Vote Initiative is hosting a student-run debate to increase political awareness among the student body. Richard Fogal will argue the Democratic platform with Nicholas Centanni supporting the Republican side. The event is tonight, 6-8 p.m. in McHuire Hall.

Congo Week set to raise awareness of atrocities

BY ANDREW ZALESKI
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It had been a typical Sunday for Cindy Parcover when she sat down that evening to watch television last January.

After channel surfing for a few minutes, she stumbled upon a 60 Minutes special report by Anderson Cooper about the rape of women in the Congo. In the war-ravaged Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) – amid civil wars between government-sponsored armies, resource hoarding by the cronies of big corporations and fighting within a fractious civilian population – the raping of women as young as three years old and as old as 75 is used as a tool by soldiers and civilians alike to establish power and terrorize

innocent populations.

Parcover watched in horror and disbelief.

"When I'm shown something so horrible, I feel like I need to do something, but I don't know what to do."

Confused about an appropriate course of action, Parcover turned to her friend, Marya Howell, seeking answers. Howell, an associate director at Loyola's Center for Community Service and Justice (CCSJ), watched the 60 Minutes report with Parcover. Equally stunned, Howell resolved with Parcover to bring awareness of the Congolese women's situation to Loyola.

"It's [speaking about the raping of Congolese women] sort of

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“All of us recognize that this is a serious global crisis and therefore requires a serious global response”

President George W. Bush.

“He was one of the most politically talented individuals in the country's history

Thomas Hofer on political consultant Jörg Haidor who died in a car accident on Saturday in Vienna.

17 Detainees released from Guantanamo Bay

On Tuesday, October 6, Judge Ricardo M. Urbina of the Federal District Court ordered the Bush administration to release 17 detainees held at Guantanamo Bay. Urbina ordered the detainees be brought to his court room after seven years of being held in prison. He ordered that he would release the men into the hands of supporters in the United States. The men, members of a minority Uighur Muslim group in China, had never fought in the U.S. or proposed any threats. The ruling served as a major setback for the administration, who tried to maintain control of the naval base at Guantanamo Bay.

Connecticut legalizes same-sex marriage

On Friday, a divided Connecticut court ruled in favor of same-sex marriages, arguing that marriage is their constitutional right. Connecticut stands as the third state in the nation to legalize same-sex marriages. The ruling claimed that civil union statutes served as a direct violation to the equal protection clause of a state constitution. The case came to the court in 2004, when eight same-sex couples demanded marriage licenses.

North Korea removed from terrorist list

The Bush administration announced its decision to remove North Korea from the terrorist list after the nation agreed to stick to the concessions the administration made on their nuclear program, such as resuming disabling plutonium plants and replacing seals on their equipment, making international inspections possible. The agreement allows the United States access to their declared nuclear facilities; however, these inspections will only go through if North Korea gives consent.

YouTube to show full-length programs

YouTube announced its plan on Friday to show full length television shows broken up by advertisements. With more than five billion short video viewings in July alone, internet users are becoming more and more accustomed to viewing videos online rather than on cable. The website's owner, Google, is under incredible pressure to expand the possibilities the website holds. The videos will include advertisements before, during and after each program.



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GM and Chrysler discuss possibility of merger

GM and Chrysler announced the possibility of a merger. Joining the companies could change the automobile industry completely. The talks began a month ago, and as discussions about the possibility continue, officials say there is still only a 50/50 likelihood that the merger will place. The process will take weeks to finalize. The merger would mark an historical event, as two major companies band together in hopes of outlasting the depleting economy which has not proved to be conducive to car sales.

Sources : CNN, N.Y. Times. Picture MCT Campus

Loyola to Sponsor Panel Discussion on “Education Policy Issues and the 2008 Election”

Loyola will sponsor a panel discussion on “Education Policy Issues and the 2008 Election” as part of its Putting Justice in Education Series on Monday, Oct. 27, from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Timonium Campus lounge.

With issues such as the economy, war and health care dominating the 2008 election, the panel is designed to raise awareness about the critical issues surrounding education. Most significantly, the No Child Left Behind act is up for reauthorization, and many questions have been raised regarding the distribution of funding for education and the future of high stakes state-issued exams.

Panelists include Alyson Klein, Education Week election reporter, who will present the policy stances of the Presidential candidates; Peter Murrell, founding Dean of Loyola's planned School of Education, who will focus on issues related to teacher education; Bebe Verdery of the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland, who will focus on issues affecting Maryland; and T.S. Grant, an educator in Prince George's County who teaches U.S. government and Advanced Placement psychology, and who will offer viewpoints from a classroom perspective.

To R.S.V.P. to the lecture, visit the the Education Web site or contact Candra Healy at 410-617-5343. Medieval Times Discount Vouchers available in Student Activities.

Purchase discount vouchers to Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament in Student

Activities! The price per adult is \$46.15, and the price per child under 12 is \$38.45. Pay via cash, check, credit card or Evergreen card. Price includes dinner, show and sales tax but not gratuity. Please call extension 2713 with any questions.

“Megatrends in Catholicism: Ten Things Turning the Church Upside Down”

Presented by Dr. John L. Allen, Jr., Senior Vatican

Analyst for CNN, NPR and the National Catholic Reporter. Monday, Oct. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in McGuire Hall. Part of the Theology lecture series.

Catholic Studies Lecture: “If There is God, Where?: Al-Ghazali and Husserl at the Limit of Reason”

Andrew Olesh, '09, will give a lecture presenting his summer research Thursday, Oct. 23, at 5 p.m. in the Sellinger VIP Lounge. All are welcome.

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Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Saturday, October 4

An officer noticed a large hole in the corridor wall of a room in Campion Tower. The officer reviewed the tapes to find the suspect. Information was later released verifying that the wall had been damaged in September, and the person responsible hid the damages with fliers. The officer took photos of the scene and left without any further incident.

Saturday, October 4

An officer approached Notre Dame Lane to find a crowd of people gathered around a parked car. He soon found out that an unconscious student had passed out in the passenger seat, and the doors of the car were locked. The student eventually managed to unlock the door but ran back to her dorm when the Baltimore City Fire Department offered to take her to the hospital. A GRC arrived in her room later and met her boyfriend who told him that she was in the shower. He explained that he had been with her before she was discovered by campus police, and he had left her in the car to go get water for her to drink.

Saturday, October 4

A cab driver reported to an officer that a student passed out in the back of his vehicle. The student was breathing normally but could not respond verbally. A GRC and AD reported to the scene and helped the student from the cab onto the curb. He stated he had been in Fells Point but could not pay his cab fare because the driver did not put the meter on.

Monday, October 6

An officer responded to a vandalism call in Campion Tower. When he arrived, an Environmental Services worker informed him that “someone drew a picture of a penis on the wall.” The officer took reference pictures and then left the scene.

-compiled by Lizzie McQuillan

Common text author speaks on global interfaith movement

BY SARA CESKY
STAFF WRITER

Loyola students and faculty members filled McGuire Hall Thursday night to listen to renowned author and founder of the Interfaith Youth Core, Eboo Patel, speak on the 2008 common text *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*.

Acts of Faith was the required summer reading for the class of 2012, and students were excited to meet the author of such a well known book. "I usually do not like summer reading books because they are normally pretty boring. But *Acts of Faith* was different. I had never been exposed to the idea of working side by side with people of such different beliefs. It was a really inspiring story," said Kelsey Formalarey, '12.

Jeff Kniple, director of the Office of Leadership and New Student Programs, introduced Eboo Patel. He spoke of how they came to choose *Acts of Faith* as the summer reading material for the first year students.

"We wanted a book that would challenge us to think about things consistent with our Jesuit core values here in our institution." And *Acts of Faith* does just that.

In the book, Eboo Patel shares his personal story, and advocates the necessity of the mutual respect and pluralism among young people of different religious traditions through social justice. As a Jesuit institution, service is one of the core values and an



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Well-known author Eboo Patel took the time to sign book autographs after the lecture on Thursday. The event in McGuire Hall was very well received.

everyday part of Loyola students' lives.

Patel spoke specifically to the Loyola students about how powerful college is in their lives.

"As I was thinking about coming here, and I've been thinking about this all summer. The thing that I thought the most was how much I envy you. Because for me... life was never as exciting, the world never felt so new, as my first few months in college."

Patel told stories of how everything in his college experience excited him, from lectures and readings to the people he met

in his classes. Patel wanted his audience to grasp the college life and use it to their full advantage.

Fifteen years ago, there were no buildings on college campuses dedicated to service. Patel grew up with the young people that started that movement, the people that wanted national service to be apart of college campuses. He asked his audience, "What are the movements gurgling around you? So you're in college in 2008, what's in the wind... as you rewrite your story on this campus, what larger story might that be a

part of?" For Eboo when he got to college, he had planned to continue his education in law school. This plan changed when he realized that he wanted to put his time and energy into service and later into the interfaith movement.

"I look back on on these great moments in American history and how small they started, and the only reason they gained steam was because citizens of America decided this was important to the world." Patel told the Loyola students present that they, too, can be a part of something that changes the world. He said, "Find something to hitch your wagon to," and go with it because it is "college students that see ahead of the curve."

For example, he alluded to John Muir, who lived in San Francisco in the mid-19th century and no longer wanted to live in the city. He moved "some place wild" and went to the redwoods of California. His move sparked the environmental movement in America. This is why we have the Sierra Club across campuses in the United States and *An Inconvenient Truth* by Al Gore. Loyola students can spark a movement as big as this as well.

But not only can Loyola students create new movements, they can also create new alliances. Patel stressed the importance of diversity and living in a World House where all religions and all nationalities can live together in peace. He remarked that his is should be the goal of our generation, to create a World House.

Biology class partners with Collington Square School

BY SARAH SWEENEY
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In the lower level of a relatively new apartment building in east Baltimore resides The Club at Collington Square, a summer and after-school program for at-risk youths in the Collington Square neighborhood. The Club, which opened in 2002, is one of Episcopal Community Services of Maryland's several volunteer programs and serves the kindergarten through eighth grades.

Daily after school the same 25-35 students between the ages of six and fourteen are picked up from Collington Square School by staff members and walk down the hill to The Club, where they will stay until 7 p.m.

Each student at The Club at Collington Square is tested to determine their grade level in reading and math and given tutored homework support in relation to that level. Activities catered to aid in character development — one of the program's goals — are organized in addition to academic support, including extracurricular activities such as games, crafts and choir.

According to co-director Julia DiBussolo, the daily routine consists of homework, a snack, outdoor recreation time and finally ending the day with arts and tutoring. "[We have] a lot more goals to accomplish," DiBussolo states about the success of attaining The Club's goals, "but [we are] on the track to becoming a full community art program."

Last year DiBussolo was hired to help "put a new face on The Club" instead of adding new services because the Collington Square community already has several services at its disposal.

DiBussolo instead helped turn The Club from a strictly academic and recreation center into a community arts program. It now offers community art workshops, lessons and weekly art classes, which are open to adults. The students also have art twice a week.

DiBussolo says, "[The art classes] give our students the opportunity for self-expression — a new way of dealing with their anger or family problems. It's something the kids really respond to."

In addition to its staff and individual volunteers, The Club now has two interns from Towson University and a large group from Gilman Prep who have volunteered there for many years as tutors. Last spring Loyola College initiated its partnership with The Club by sending students from a service learning graphics class.

This semester, the affiliation between Loyola and The Club has been strengthened with Biology Laboratory Manager and Affiliate Professor Jennifer Scrafford's search for fresh service learning ideas for her environmental biology class.

"I've had my class work with the Irvine Nature Center in previous years, but I was looking for an outreach in Baltimore," says Scrafford, who requires her students to complete a total of 20 hours of service over the course of the semester.

Scrafford's students develop lesson plans for the Collington Square students based on the students' grade level (k-2nd or 3-8th) and centered on urban environmental issues, especially in relation to their own neighborhood of Collington Square.

These one-hour workshops, taught by the Loyola environmental biology students in pairs to groups between 15 and 20 youths, will begin next week. "This is a great partnership for us," DiBussolo says. "By adding this teaching component, I think it'll be even better."

Professor Scrafford hopes this will encourage the students in the Collington Square neighborhood to be more active in environmental protection in their own neighborhood as well as to initiate change in their community. Scrafford's students will also serve as mentors, offer homework tutoring and assist in the Club's other extracurricular activities in addition to fulfilling requirements for their class in relation to this service.

Some of these requirements include keeping a log of reflections on their service and studying various urban environmental factors, such as the limited amount of healthy food sources available in urban neighborhoods.

"It's a very new partnership, but [it is] my hope that my students will get a greater understanding of urban issues. It's a reality check for them — a challenge, but good for both my students and [those at The Club]," says Scrafford. Although Scrafford's class

only began working with The Club this semester and Loyola itself only since last spring, the Center for Community Service and Justice has worked with The Club's parent program, Episcopal Community Services of Maryland, through their preschool program called The Ark.

The Episcopal Community Services of Maryland, originally the Church Mission of Help when founded in the late 1920s, began as a counseling center and eventually expanded into an adoption agency in 1942. ECSM's mission today is closely tied to the purpose of The Club at Collington Square, according to the statement on ECSM's homepage.

"Guided by our faith and commitment to social justice and in collaboration with others, [ECSM] strives to address the injustice of severe poverty, which is embedded in communities ... ECSM provides education and support systems as well as advocates for families and individuals seeking help in overcoming adversity."

ECSM's other programs include The Ark, a preschool for children of families who are homeless or in the early stages of recovery from addiction; Jericho, helping men rebuild their lives after incarceration and return to being a productive and positive influence in their environment; and the Adoption Search Program, which provides a thorough and discreet search while maintaining the privacy of both parties.

Also working in conjunction with ECSM
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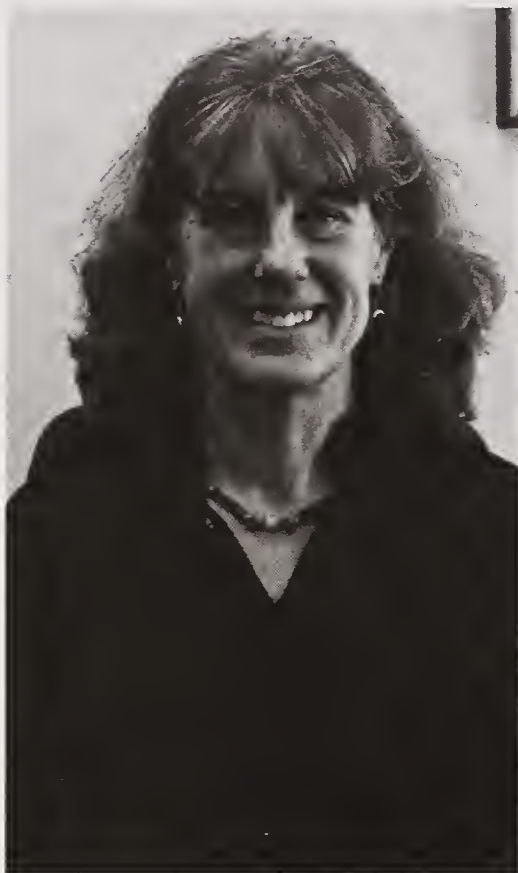
Faculty member wins prestigious book award

By RICHARD RAMBEAU
STAFF WRITER

On October 1, Dr. Elizabeth Schmidt, professor of history, received the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award for her book titled *Mobilizing the Masses: Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in the Nationalist Movement in Guinea, 1939-1958*. The competition included books published by faculty members from 29 Jesuit colleges and universities across the country. The category for this year's competition was The Humanities. Schmidt's book received first place in the discipline of history.

"I was shocked," said Schmidt about winning the prestigious award. "I hadn't been paying attention to the date the winners were to be announced, and I was out of town when it was posted on the Alpha Sigma Nu website. When I got back, I started reading my email; all these people were sending me notes of congratulation, and I didn't know why. When I finally figured out what they were congratulating me for, I had to check the website to make sure I had really won. It wasn't until Monday morning that I found the letter in my mailbox."

Alpha Sigma Nu is a Jesuit honor society founded in 1915 which aims to promote the core values of the Jesuit education: scholarship, loyalty and service. Alpha Sigma Nu currently consists of 30 Jesuit institutions in the United States, two in Canada and one in Korea. Every year, they host the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award Competition to recognize outstanding publishing achievements by faculty and administrators at the member institutions. The winners receive a \$1,000 check and a commemorative plaque.



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History professor Elizabeth Schmidt has been teaching at Loyola since 1990. Her book that garnered national praise focuses on various social groups in Guinea.

Schmidt's award winning book, *Mobilizing the Masses: Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in the Nationalist Movement in Guinea, 1939-1958*, examines the roles played by various social groups in Guinea while achieving independence from France. She focuses in particular on World War II veterans, trade unionists, peasants and women. Rather

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The aftermath: Federal Reserves makes cuts

By RAYMOND McDONOUGH
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Investors were faced with a decision on Wednesday about how to react to an unprecedented coordinated interest rate cut by many central banks around the world. After continued discussions with Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, central banks in England, China, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland and the European Central Bank followed in America's footsteps in cutting rates.

Trying to break the frozen credit lines and get the economy back on track the Federal Reserve announced a drop in the federal funds rate, or the interest rate that banks lend to banks overnight, from 2 percent to 1.5 percent.

The Fed hoped that the cut, which brought the rate to the lowest it has been in four years, would restore some sort of investor confidence, but that was not the case. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost another 189 points on Wednesday, contributing to six straight days of losses.

Overseas markets suffered the same fate. Britain's FTSE-100 closed out the day with about a 5.2 percent decrease. Germany's DAX fell about 5.9 percent and France's CAC-40 fell about 6.3 percent. Asian markets did not do any better. Japan's Nikkei 225 closed down at more than 9 percent, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell more than 8 percent.

The United States government and the Fed have been doing its part to try to stabilize the economy. They have provided hundreds of billions of dollars of lending to banks and previously known investment banks. They have also announced that they would start to

intervene in the commercial paper market, a form of short term business loans. Wednesday they also cut the discount rate, or the rate that the Fed lends to banks, by half a percentage point to 1.75 percent.

In response to these cuts by the Fed, Bank of America, Wells Fargo and other banks cut their prime rate, which is the rate at which banks lend to corporations. However, there is a downside of cutting interest rates, increased risk of inflation.

The Fed defended the cuts by claiming that in this economy the effect that inflation will have poses little threat. They believe that the recent price drops in oil and gas will combat the inflation risk. They also believe that the weaker prospects for economic activity and growth will also counteract inflation.

What will all these cuts do for the American people? The idea is to open up the lines of credit for people to secure a loan for whatever they may need it for. However, banks are still very weary to lend, making it close to impossible to get a loan.

In the short run the effects of the interest rate cuts probably will not be seen. However, over time they could possibly unfreeze credit lines making banks more willing to lend. The hope is that the short term effects will be seen through restoring investor confidence and boosting markets around the world.

If you are interested in learning more about financial markets, attend a SIFE meeting, which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the basement of Knott Hall. SIFE is an international organization that mobilizes university students around the world to make a difference in their communities while developing the skills to become socially responsible business leaders.

Loyola mascot featured on cover of national magazine

By LIZZIE MCQUILLAN
NEWS EDITOR

Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine, a quarterly publication distributed among committed greyhound adopters, owners and friends, featured Father Francis Nash and Nicholas III on the front cover of the Fall 2008 issue.

"Evidentially, Greyhound Pets of America, the agency that we used to get Nicolas, contacted somebody who writes for this magazine," said Nash. The writer, based in Chicago, called Nash in the spring for an hour-long interview in which Nash shared the role the live mascot plays on Loyola's campus.

CG Magazine works beside The Greyhound Project, Inc. to spread awareness and information about greyhounds to owners and friends.

The mission statement lists their goal as "to promote adoption of retired racing greyhounds by providing support and information to adoption organizations and adopters."

The publication, which started as a newsletter for greyhound adopting agencies, evolved into the current publication, with



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Fr. Francis Nash has been taking care of the greyhound mascots for 20 years. Nicholas III is however the first to be featured in *Celebrating Greyhounds Magazine*.

over 6,000 subscribers from countries like the United States, England, France, Germany, Australia and Hong Kong.

The effort to find safe homes for greyhounds after they finish their racing careers is

continuing to grow. Since the establishment of Greyhound Pets of America in 1987, the non profit organization expanded over the country. With 54 chapters, GPA has assisted in adopting 65,000 greyhounds, 3,500 in

2007 alone.

"When greyhounds finish racing, they kill them," said Nash, who followed through with the idea of adopting after a student's suggestion at a soccer game 20 years ago. "I think many people who read this are already greyhound fanatics and will just be pleased. But I think the people who are not and see the article, it will help them understand that greyhounds are really wonderful dogs to adopt as pets."

Nicholas III, also known as Stainless Steel, came to Loyola less than a year ago, after the passing of Nicholas II at in the fall of 2007. Nash has handled all the dogs who have graced the campus.

When the idea to adopt a live mascot came up, Nash served as the Director of Campus Ministry. He admitted that it was his intention to take care of the dog if the school approved of the idea.

"I thought it would be wonderful to have the dog in campus ministry because people could come in and pet the dog and not have to talk about God necessarily."

Nicholas III continues to add a personal touch to the Loyola community, as he can regularly be seen at sporting events, school-sponsored social gatherings or sauntering

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Nicholas III known for bringing personal touch to the Evergreen campus

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through the Andrew White Student Center in the middle of the day.

The greyhound not only serves as a friend to the Loyola Community, but he attracts fame and attention from prospective students and parents visiting the Evergreen campus.

"Today, I was watching and a woman was on the phone. She must have been visiting campus with her son. She said, 'Is that the mascot?' I told her yes, and she came over. She said to the person on the phone, 'You'll have to wait I'm petting the school mascot

right now.' She was so excited that they were seeing it," said Nash.

Although a task, integrating the greyhound into campus life was not impossible.

Nicholas spent his early life in a crate, so adjusting to other surroundings required time and patience from Nash as the dog familiarized himself with the Loyola environment and developed a routine.

"I had to teach the greyhound how to climb stairs. That meant me kneeling down and taking one step at a time moving his paws," recalled Nash.

It did not take very long for Nicholas to accept Loyola as his new home, and the students, administrators and faculty as his family, as he gathers the attention of anyone passing by.

Those lucky enough to walk Nicholas also enjoy the attention from his fans.

"People will come up and pet the dog, and say 'Oh, Nicholas how are you? Oh, Father Nash how are you? I didn't see you there,'" joked Nash, who accepted that Nicholas is the more popular of the two. "I play second fiddle to a dog, and it's worth every bit of it."

Ehrlich shares insight on upcoming political issues

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a radio program on WBAL-AM Radio.

"From the get go the governor wanted it to be a very interactive evening," says Centanni.

Governor Ehrlich opened by saying, "I would like a very informal meeting. I would rather talk with you then at you." The former governor went on to say, "I want you to show me why you're at this great school and how that backs up your opinions. That's really what college is all about - it's the foundation of your intellectual development for the rest of your life as you all know."

The discussions of the evening ranged from current issues facing Maryland to national issues such as the financial crisis, yet the entire dialogue was peppered with jokes and advice for students and young political hopefuls. Ehrlich answered questions pertaining to a possible second term as governor, Maryland's current budget deficit under Governor O'Malley, the sub prime mortgage crisis and potential job loss in the financial sector.

Job scarcity, jobless and high unemployment rates in the financial sector is something that hits very close to home for Loyola students because a majority of Loyola students are pursuing a business degree. Ehrlich reassured concerned students that the Wall Street crisis, "should not disabuse and should not get in the way of any plans you have to major in business, get your MBA and go out and conquer the world."

Ehrlich also briefly touched on the impending presidential election and the pressure that comes with holding an executive office.

"I think it will be an interesting dilemma for one of them (Obama or McCain). It is a historic race, two Senators and no governor running," says Ehrlich. "It's all guesswork about who is going to be the best executive because neither one has ever been an executive and their first time doing so and experiencing executive pressure will be as President of the United States."

To those students looking to go into a career in politics, Governor Ehrlich advised, "Learn how to write. Your ability to write in many cases is how people will judge you, how you write and how you think critically in difficult situations. Anyone can memorize facts, but being able to situate the facts and come to a logical and intellectual conclusion and be consistent in that conclusion is what defines you as a successful and smart person."

As a token of appreciation, the Loyola College Republicans presented Governor Ehrlich with a Loyola College jersey adorned with the number 10 on the back, a not-so-subtle hint at the Republican Club's hope for the 2010 election season.

"I was pleased with the outcome of the discussion," says Centanni, "I thought the governor provided keen political insight and meaningful leadership advice for all. I found his advice to be particularly relevant because the success of his career along with his accomplishments is proof of its validity."

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Congo initiative arouses solidarity

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like the Holocaust, only no one's paying attention," Howell said.

Howell and Parcover, along with Lauren Lapointe, an assistant director of student activities, arranged for a showing of the documentary *The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo* last semester. After 120 students showed for the screening, the three women knew this was an issue that could resonate on Loyola's campus.

"We were flabbergasted," said Parcover. "That many students don't show up for a lot of stuff; it was very humbling."

At this point, the team started formulating an action plan for the fall 2008 semester. Margaret Musgrove, director of Loyola's Women's Center, was recruited, along with a number of students from a slew of campus organizations: the African Students' Union, the International Affairs Association, Beauty of Women, Student Activities, Campus Ministry and CCSJ. They formed the group Loyola for Congo Women in the hopes of demonstrating their empathy with Congolese rape victims.

"It's part of our Jesuit identity to put ourselves in solidarity with others around the world," said Kate Grubb Clark, assistant director in Student Activities and a member of Loyola for Congo Women.

The group registered for Congo Week, a week-long series of activities, protests and awareness events aimed at engendering support for Congolese rape victims. Sponsored by Friends of the Congo, an advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C., Congo Week takes place this year from October 19 through October 25. Loyola's Congo Week will feature a Solidarity Mass in the chapel and a screening of *The Greatest Silence*. By participating in Congo Week, Loyola joins with more than 1,000 university campuses located in at least 100 countries all dedicated to stopping the brutal rape and mutilation of women in the DRC.

Since 1998, more than five million people have died as a result of fighting in the DRC. Malnutrition, hunger and disease have all contributed to the death toll, in addition to the brutal raping of women.

The fighting itself is the result of a long Congolese history based in turbulence and corruption, according to Elizabeth Schmidt, Ph.D., a Loyola history professor with an extensive background in African history. Originally a Belgian colony, the DRC became an independent nation in 1960 under Patrice Lumumba, a radical who was critical of the Belgians.

The U.S. suspected Lumumba was a communist and worked to remove him from power. After five years of relative unrest, a CIA-led coup ousted Lumumba from power and installed Mobutu Sese Seko in his place. Mobutu, a repressive dictator, ruled for 37 years, utilizing public executions to inspire fear and maintain power.

When the U.S.-Soviet Cold War ended in the early 1990s, America, France and Belgium cut Mobutu loose. In 1994, war erupted in Rwanda, a tiny country on the eastern border of the DRC; as the Tutsi and Hutu tribes in Rwanda fought each other for control of the Rwandan government, Hutu refugees, fleeing genocide — which ultimately accounted for at least 500,000 deaths in Rwanda — escaped across the western Rwandan border into the DRC.

Laurent Kabila, the warlord opponent of Mobutu in the DRC, took advantage of the chaos to force Mobutu from power in 1997. A subsequent war began in the DRC in 1998, as neighboring African countries, upset with Kabila's seeming inability to subordinate the Hutu population, instigated conflict in the DRC. Kabila was assassinated in 2001; his son took power, and war ended in 2003.

However, fighting has continued in the DRC. The United Nations has deemed the conflict the deadliest yet since World War II; the U.N. mission deployed in the DRC is the largest peacekeeping mission in U.N. history, with 17,000 troops there since 2005. Many warlords are now fighting over control of regions in the Congo that house precious commodities such as gold, copper, diamond and tin.

One of the most sought after commodities is coltan, a black mineral used in cell phones, computer chips and video game systems like the Microsoft Xbox and Sony Playstation 2. According to Schmidt, some warlords impose forms of slave labor on the native populations. In addition, raping women is used as a weapon of war to terrorize women and humiliate men.

"These rapes are some of the most horrific, wanton attempts to destroy women," Schmidt said.

Many of the rape victims suffer horrific gang-rapings in which multiple soldiers terrorize a single woman, who is forced to comply on pain of death. Some women's reproductive systems are viciously mutilated, and no women are safe — all women, from toddlers to the elderly, are at risk. Often, the Congolese women are so brutally raped that they are shunned by society and divorced by their husbands.

"The women in the Congo run and hold up the society," noted Howell. "If you ruin the spirit of people, how are they supposed to keep going?"

Loyola for Congo Women hopes that Congo Week will raise awareness among Loyola students, faculty, administrators and staff about the current situation in the DRC.

"The reality is that I can't stop rape in the Congo, but I have the abilities and gifts to raise awareness," Parcover said.

Mary Genetti, a Loyola junior and member of Beauty of Women, hopes to engage the campus more fully in recognizing the trauma happening in the DRC today.

"It really shocks me when an entire continent seems to be falling apart and people do nothing. I really want to go against the [Loyola] bubble and empower people on campus to get involved."

In addition to the awareness events during Congo Week, Loyola for Congo Women will be selling ribbons displaying the Pan-African colors to raise money for Women for Women International, an organization that mobilizes women in conflict and post-conflict environments toward better lives by providing them job training, health care, skills training and various other services. They also run support groups for victims of rape.

Of the Loyola for Congo Women initiative, Parcover says, "This has been a personal awakening for me."

"I feel like God is saying, 'You have to do something, we're putting this right in your lap.'"

Schmidt earns national recognition

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than only looking at the western educated elites who led the nationalist movement, Schmidt wanted to "look at the grassroots movement which was the foundation of the nationalist movement that led the push for independence."

Schmidt, a history professor with a focus on African studies, earned her undergraduate degree at Oberlin College and her Master's and Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She began working in Loyola's history department in 1990, and that same year she went abroad as a Fulbright Professor to the University of Conakry in the Republic of Guinea. While in Guinea, she began the extensive research process to compile the sources necessary for her book.

"In terms of the research process, I had to go to Senegal, the headquarters of French West Africa, to access the archives. I spent a few months in Senegal and some time researching in France. In Guinea, apart from archival material, I spent lots and lots of time interviewing older people involved in the nationalist movement about their personal experiences," said Schmidt.

Her research process yielded enough information that she decided to divide the material into two books. Heinemann published *Mobilizing the Masses: Gender, Ethnicity, and Class in the Nationalist Movement in Guinea, 1939-1958* in 2005, and Schmidt's follow up book, *Cold War and Decolonization in Guinea 1946-1958* was published in 2007 by Ohio University Press.

Press.

Although Schmidt does not use her books in the courses she teaches here at Loyola, she said they are used at other institutions in some upper-level undergraduate courses, but because the books go into so much depth and detail, they are primarily used in graduate studies. For students that choose to read her book, there is much to be learned about the nationalist movement in Guinea.

Schmidt said, "By reading this book, hopefully [students] would develop a sense of the importance of ordinary people in these political movements. They will also get a sense of the people's daily lives and concerns and the condition of colonial oppression."

The Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award was not Schmidt's first scholarly achievement. In 2007, Loyola honored Schmidt with the Nachbahr Award for outstanding achievement in the Humanities. In 1993, she earned special mention in the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Competition for her book *Peasants, Traders, and Wives: Shona Women in the History of Zimbabwe, 1870-1939*. This book also won the Choice Outstanding Book Award for 1994 and was a finalist for the African Studies Association's Herskovits Award.

As for the future, Schmidt plans to continue writing books about African Studies. Schmidt said, "I am currently working on a book about foreign intervention in Africa from the Cold War to present. It is going to be published by Cambridge University Press."

Applying lessons to tutoring program

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in The Club program is The Baltimore Curriculum Project, although it concentrates more on Collington Square School than The Club.

The BCP's focus is to "convert high-poverty schools into high-performing charter schools by implementing research-based instructional methods and providing customized professional development, performance monitoring and other key program supports."

Founded in 1996, The Baltimore Curriculum Project is a non-profit


organization that has, as of 2007, successfully converted five high-poverty neighborhood elementary schools into charter schools and manages two others, Hampstead Hills Academy and Collington Square School.

The Club looks at what their youths are learning in class and reinforces it after school. Staff members communicate with the school about students who may be falling behind, receiving suggestions for activities to help catch them up. The goal is to get these students the one-on-one help they need so that success can be achieved.

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Plastic: what you don't know about the product

BY BRIAN OLSZAK
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Plastic is so ubiquitous today that it would be almost impossible to imagine a life without it. Everything from clothing to toys to medical supplies to food containers contains it. While plastic has done wonders for medical science, its detractors have been growing rapidly, citing both the increased stigma of petroleum usage and the mounting evidence for damaging and even deadly chemicals exhausted from its production or leached into your food or water.

If one happens to look at the bottom of his or her bottle or Solo cup, a little number from one to seven wreathed in curly arrows is stamped ever so inconspicuously. These numbers each designate a different kind of resin used in forming a particular kind of plastic. The "good" ones are #1 (PETE, used in one-use water and soda bottles), #2 (HDPE, used in milk jug and grocery bags), #4 (LDPE, used in cling wrap and sandwich bags), and #5 (PP, used in syrup bottles and yogurt cups). They not only leak no nasty chemicals into your food, but they are recyclable even in tiny municipalities (except maybe #4's and #5's, which are harder to come by). Fluid bottles made from #1, however, are intended to be used once, because micropores in the #1 plastic will catch bacteria (and the taste of your first drink) which can't be washed out.

The "bad" ones are the others: #3 (PVC, used in meat cling wrap in supermarkets and those white plumbing pipes), #6

(polystyrene, sometimes known as Styrofoam, used in take-out containers and, sadly, Solo cups), and #7 ("other," usually polycarbonate, used in baby bottles and some reusable water bottles). PVC has chemicals called phthalates which, when absorbed into the meat it wraps, can disrupt hormones in the body, and when produced and incinerated, releases vinyl chloride, which is a known human carcinogen. Polystyrene when extruded (that is, to force and form it through special dyes) forms those foamy coffee cups and white take-out containers—which has been demonized for years as a clogger of landfills and polluter when burned, but when unextruded, it forms those clear take-out containers they have at Primo's and Boulder, as well as plastic cups, including Solo cups. Both can leach styrene, especially in Styrofoam's case when a hot liquid or food is placed inside one of those containers. Styrene is a possible carcinogen, but there is no consensus yet.

The #7 "other" plastics are perhaps currently the most notorious, concerning the chemical bisphenol A (BPA), which, when leached into a bottle's water and ingested, can disrupt the endocrine system, with heightened risks of certain cancers and behavioral problems to unborn children later in life. BPA has also been used in the resin linings of canned foods. Many scientists have found low-dose Umbra Fisk at Grist Magazine chronicles the epic of the FDA's ambivalence in the whole BPA debate, which first hired a firm that researched the situation (which ignored all anti-BPA



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The use of plastic in everyday life goes far beyond the more obvious purposes like tupperware or other useful household items.

scholarship) and, when the firm was later found to have links to the plastics industry, rejected it, supporting the National Toxicology Program's cautious anti-BPA stance. Nalgene, after various studies were released (and customer complaints), has since pulled all #7 reusable water bottles containing the chemical, while the Canadian government, before the U.S. government has made any official act on the matter, has already banned baby bottles and other products made with the #7 plastic.

So, therefore, the question arises: what does this mean to you, the concerned, informed consumer? Well, all you have

to do is turn that cup, bottle, container, or whatever else over, and the number should be either stamped or printed on the bottom. Remember: #1, #2, #4, #5: good; #3, #6, #7: bad. But in this world of decreasing faith in fossil fuels' long-term potency, it would be ultimately better to decrease one's own use of plastics altogether. Perhaps the overarching problem with plastics in general is that most of them can only be recycled a few times until they lose their integrity and eventually make their way to the landfill anyway. As a consumer, you can choose which plastics industries should be rewarded and which ones should be rebuked.

Student-run car wash raises money for research during breast cancer month

BY ANDREW ZALESKI
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"Come support the American Cancer Society!"

"All donations go a long way!"

"Is your car dirty? It is!"

"Hey, Baltimore — come get your car washed today!"

These were the sounds of the street this past Sunday when Loyola students took over the motor pool lot on York Rd. and sponsored a car wash to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The car wash was staffed entirely by Loyola seniors and Resident Assistants (RAs). Matthew Pavlis, the senior RA who organized the car wash, had help in planning the event from Loyola juniors Lisa Berkoski and Sade Solola, and Loyola seniors Laura Fischer, Cen-bi Liu and Ashya Majied.

For Pavlis, the event represented more than just a fundraising opportunity.

"It's really important for seniors to do service, especially if they haven't been very involved their first 3 years."

Residents from the surrounding neighborhoods were invited to the car wash.

as well as current Loyola students living on and off campus. The volunteers involved not only wanted to raise money for cancer, but also develop a stronger sense of community with Loyola's city neighbors. By the end of the day Sunday, Pavlis and his team had raised 430 dollars for the American Cancer Society.

The York Rd. car wash was just one of a few events being held this month to raise awareness of breast cancer. Relay Week, taking place later in the month, will sponsor a series of events leading up to the Relay for Life Kickoff on October 23, which is the start of the Relay for Life season leading up to this year's event which will be held on March 28, 2009. Additionally, the City of Baltimore will sponsor a breast cancer walk on October 26.

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most prevalent form of cancer in women in the United States. It's estimated that roughly 178,500 women were found to have invasive breast cancer in 2007. Of that number, about 40,000 women died from the disease in the past year. A little more than 2 million women living in the United States have been treated for breast cancer.

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— THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — Hollywood may be inspirational after all

When it comes to idols, most young people in today's generation look towards those in the entertainment world for inspiration. Whether it is musicians, actors or simply just celebrity eye candy that have no real profession (what DOES Nicole Ritchie really do, anyway?), young adults often know the name of people in the Hollywood culture before they can name a work by a famous philosopher.

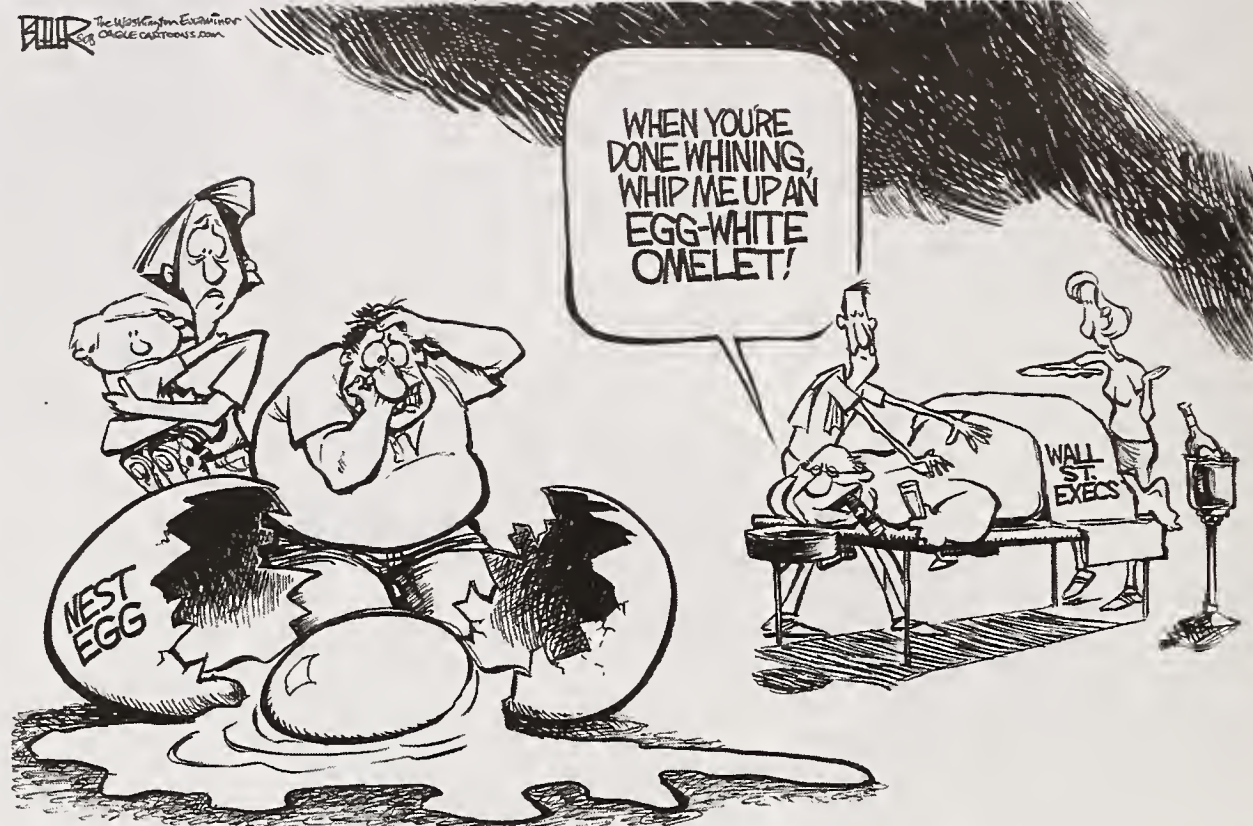
We may be speaking hastily, though. True, we are a long cry from the John Lennon followers of the 60s, the same ones that, in addition to loving his music, fought alongside him for their rights as humans. For the first time in a long time, though, young adults are stepping up and speaking out again. And, unbelievably, a large part of the reason has to do with those same celebrities this crowd gazes upon with mixed feelings of envy and hatred.

With the popularity of Myspace and the blog, it is easy enough for anyone to spew out their political views to a willing audience online. When a band or other type of celebrity has over a million friends on the social networking site, though, it is even easier to get numerous unique views. So, when the lead singer or most popular band member or actor him or herself writes a blog telling their fans that they need to vote, those words are going to get read, and more young adults of age will be voting than those told by figures of authority to do so.

Myspace may not be the most professional platform for convincing young people to vote, but for the techno-addicted generation, it is becoming one of the most effective. Even the main candidates have Myspace pages, complete with personal pictures and blurbs about themselves.

Young adults today may be inspired by Hollywood A-listers today, but for once, it is a good thing, the Internet providing an unconventional but popular base for "platforms."

■ Main Street, meet Wall Street



To fix the state of American economy, U.S. ought to consider cutting back military spending

The American economy, as we all know, is in turmoil. We hear a lot these days about how we can save money by cutting taxes, coming up with new sources of energy and by creating more jobs. One thing we never hear about is cutting military spending. Our military uses trillions of dollars each decade, and it is absurd.

Do we really need people stationed in Germany, Argentina or Djibouti? Hell, no. We don't need to be the British Empire. We don't need troops stationed overseas in allied countries. We don't need a military as big as it is.

If we cut back on military spending we would be able to pump billions of dollars back into our economy.

Another thing that really grinds my gears is Wall Street.

Why do they deserve 700 billion dollars?

This is setting up a fake economy. It's better to keep our economy weaker but steadier rather than having our economy give off the appearance of being strong but really being weak underneath. Look at how well they've handled that money: AIG spent \$400,000 dollars on spa treatment for the company's executives.

Sick, right?

I'm glad my tax dollars were spent on cucumbers to cover some rich man's eyes. I mean, with all the chaos the economy is bringing, it's nice to see that these lavishly paid men and women were able to escape it and relax. If we keep on trusting these people with our money, we are going to yield the same results.

Wall Street will work itself out; we didn't need to pump in all that money.

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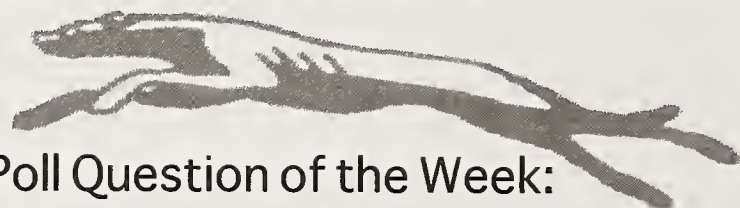
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Poll Question of the Week:

Should Fall Break last more than one weekend?

- Make Fall Break a full week.
- A 3-day weekend is good enough for me.
- We shouldn't have Fall Break, but we should have a longer Thanksgiving vacation.

Last Week's Results (results not scientific):

Do you think the congressional bailout plan will work?

- Yes; it's about time they passed it. (29%)
- No; Congress shouldn't have passed the bill. (71%)
- I don't have an opinion on the bailout plan. (0%)

The Popular Vote: What to do about political bias in media

Almost everyone has heard some joke about Fox News being "fair and balanced" and someone talking about how people get their information nowadays from the "liberal media." This talk about media bias seemed to be only simple political rhetoric and not really overtly visible. That was

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somewhat true until this election, when no reading between the lines was needed to see the bias in the media.

On the day that three big stories were developing: one about Sarah Palin's possible abuse of power, one about Tony Rezko and Obama's connection with him, and the other about Barack Obama's possible link to a Socialist Organization. These stories were either strangely omitted from certain news websites or phrased in ways that lessened, or increased, the impact of certain stories.

MSNBC.com's politics page had a big (and rather unflattering) picture of Palin and the phrase "GOP's Palin denies abuse of power finding." This would seem to be the story of the day according to MSNBC, and according to their picture, Palin was livid about the allegations. There was no link present on that same page to get to any story about Obama's connection to Tony Rezko and his Chicago corruption scandal.

FoxNews.com's politics page had a big (also unflattering picture) picture of Tony Rezko, and an article talking about his

connection with Rezko who a jury found guilty on 16 counts of a 24-count indictment in his corruption trail in Chicago. Fox News had a small little link that went to the Sarah Palin article that MSNBC found to be so important.

The interesting thing, neither of the sites reported on the possible socialist party connection to Obama that has surfaced online. It seems to be the hot topic on blogs and non-news sites, apparently a picture has also surfaced showing Obama at one of these Socialist party events. Yet, suspiciously, this was absent from the news.

News, entertainment, and news station political bias have become so intertwined that we end up with situations of unequal reporting, and watered down stories. The real question we should be asking ourselves though is why we should care so much about this new type of media that has emerged.

The answer is simple really: the media is guiding the way that this election takes place. McCain and Palin get slammed hard by MSNBC and other liberal leaning news organizations while they are let off the hook by Fox News and others. The same is true of Obama being slammed hard by Fox News and let off easy by MSNBC.

This leaves the average voter in a precarious situation, where can you get your news from? The first option is to check out a bunch of different sources and get a bunch of different opinions. The main problem with this: it takes much more time than most Americans are willing to spend

on learning about political developments.

If you don't have patience for doing extensive amounts of research, you could go the route of doing extensive amounts of reading, using sites like smokinggun.com. This site refrains from giving viewpoints, but instead gives you the first hand document and lets you decide what you'd like about the topic. This route will give you much more reading, considering that traditional news sources usually sum up stories and documents to make the news easier on the listener/reader.

If that also is too much work, you should seriously consider finding a couple of blogs to read. An assortment of blogs can be beneficial since they can give you a wide range of opinions with relatively small reading, and give you some stories that the main news broadcasters don't have the courage to report just yet. The main problem with blogs is that some of this information may not be reported on because it's factually incomplete or inaccurate.

Whatever way you get your news, it's important to note that there is nothing completely unbiased, and everything should be taken with a grain of salt. It's crucial we remember this especially in an important election like this one, where one piece of news could sway an independent from one candidate to another.

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State of the Race: Myth of a nail-biter and why Obama wins

The election is not close. Sure, the media says it is. But it is not. Even Karl Rove's analysis has Barack Obama clinching the election already, carrying John Kerry's states plus Iowa, New Mexico and Colorado, yielding 273 electoral votes. Additionally, by every measurable metric and statistic, this year's election is shaping up to be a blowout.

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Obama will win because of simple mathematics. All Obama needs to do to win is hold onto all of the Kerry states and find just 20 more electoral votes to win. He is almost certain to carry all of the Kerry states – the two which were most in doubt, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, are now polling double-digits for Obama. Furthermore, Michigan has been forfeited by the McCain campaign and McCain has no chance of winning either Minnesota or Wisconsin.

Currently, every single state rated a "toss-up" – Colorado, Nevada, Indiana, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, New Mexico, West Virginia, Florida and Iowa – is a red state, a state that Bush won in 2004. Those states have 128 Electoral Votes up-for-grabs. And in almost all of those states, Obama is currently polling ahead of McCain. Among them, Iowa and New Mexico look like sure bets for Obama, which reduces his win-threshold to just seven electoral votes. Obama therefore needs to win just one more state (other than Nevada) in addition to Iowa and New Mexico to cross the 270 threshold.

According to FiveThirtyEight.com, which applies baseball sabermetrics to political data, Obama has a 90.7% chance of winning the election. Their projection has Obama winning at least 353 Electoral Votes. This is not out of the realm of possibility: If Obama wins all of the states in which he is now polling ahead of McCain, he could get as many as 364 electoral votes.

So what happened to McCain's chances? Wasn't he ahead in September? Well, yes, he was. But even when the race was "close", it really wasn't. McCain's spike in the polls was a typical post-convention bounce, augmented by the choice of Sarah Palin as his running mate. She successfully rallied the conservative base to McCain; however, that McCain fell in the polls again is indicative of the fact that she did not do what they thought she would: deliver women for McCain. Furthermore, her pitifully poor performance in her media interviews and in the vice presidential debate ended up making her a drag on the ticket. McCain's campaign suspension stunt also failed, and although one could write a whole article on why that was an awful tactical decision, suffice it to say that it left him looking irrational, impulsive and inconsistent – precisely what people have decided they do not want during a financial crisis.

The uphill fight McCain faces is compounded by the fact that Obama is expanding the map while McCain is trying to contract it. States like Virginia and North Carolina, which have not voted Democratic in decades, now look like they will do

so, the result of changing demographics. Millions of Northeasterners – mostly from New York and New England – are moving to places like Florida and North Carolina, bringing their Democratic voting patterns with them. In Virginia, the growth of DC's suburbs have led a once-reliably red state to vote blue in state elections; as a result, Virginia, which hasn't voted for a Democrat since 1964, will likely do so in 2008.

It is also not clear that McCain's new campaign strategy of stoking fears about Obama will work. This financial crisis really is the worst since at least 1987 – the Dow was down 18 percent last week. People care about issues this year more than ever. In a regular campaign season where, economically speaking, the median voter leans slightly right, and where the stakes aren't viewed as drastic, going after Obama's character might be enough to work. But in this environment, where the median voter leans center-left, it is hard to see that gaining any traction. Also, these were the same tactics Hillary tried, and we all know how that turned out.

In sum, to borrow a baseball analogy (as a Mets fan it hurts me to say this, but...), unless Obama does what the New York Mets have done the past two years – utterly collapsing from a huge lead with just a few weeks left – he'll be our next President.

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On The Quad

If you could have dinner with any three people, alive or dead, who would they be?

By Cole Pennington



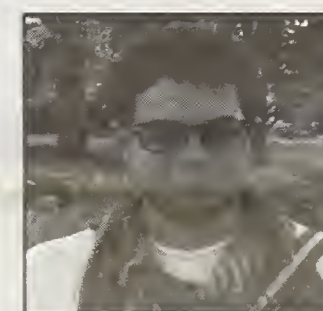
"Marie Antoinette, Hillary Clinton and Geoff Norbert. We would have Ethiopian cuisine because it would be funny to see them eat with their hands."

Vicky Davies, '10



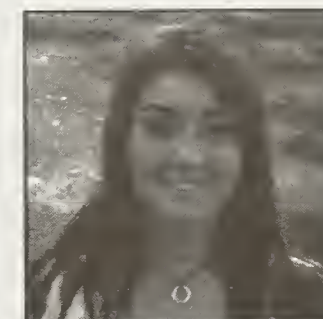
"Reggie White, Ghengis Khan and Leonidas. I'd really want to see how much Reggie White can eat!"

Terence Creamer, '12



"Lenin, Jesus and Michaelangelo. I'd like to see the interaction between Jesus and Lenin, and I'd also really like to talk to Michaelangelo."

Patrick DePuydt, '09



"Orlando Bloom, T.I. and Chris Farley. T.I. can romance me with his rhymes and Chris Farley would make me laugh. Of course, Orlando Bloom would be my eye candy!"

Melissa Marascia, '11



"Lil Wayne, Christina Izzo and Michael Phelps cause they're awesome!"

Kathleen Carrara, '12

Do you have creative ideas for "On The Quad"?

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Health care has taken a back seat in the presidential campaign

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THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Two years ago, Americans couldn't get enough of the health care debate. With Massachusetts leading the way to universal coverage, health care dominated the headlines. Forty-seven million uninsured, staggering U.S. expenditures on medical technology and lagging U.S. health statistics were disturbingly familiar, and it seemed certain that America was on its way to health care reform.

So what happened?

Right in the middle of our attempt to fix the "broken system," health care lost its momentum, much as it did in the 1990s with Hillary Clinton's failed attempt to revolutionize it. In both cases, huge movements swiftly lost their authority and eventually faded into the background, leaving Americans to deal with the ever increasing costs of health care. It seems that, despite the perpetual health care calamity in America, every time we get close to making some progress, health care disappears from the headlines.

Health care has once again taken a back seat in the 2008 election, despite the fact that recently published reports show that access to health care remains a considerable problem for more American families than ever before. Indeed, the Center for Studying Health System Change recently disclosed that almost one in five families struggled to pay medical bills last year; Twenty percent of those having problems even considered declaring personal bankruptcy. Nor is the issue limited to those without medical insurance. Reports indicate that of the 57 million Americans under pressure, 43 million have some form of insurance. The health care crisis is far from over, yet real reform is not even on the horizon.

Why is it so hard to get the ball rolling on health care? It's not because Americans don't want health care reform. While the issue has slipped behind the financial crisis and the Iraq war in the current election, it remains firmly in the top three issues among all demographics. Nor is it for lack of ideas. Over the years myriad diverse plans have been proposed by Republicans and Democrats alike.

I can only conclude that the standstill is due to the public's wishy-washiness. Americans simply don't know what they want. Or, rather, they know what they want, but they aren't willing to take any of the necessary steps to get it. What is perhaps the most interesting thing about this debate is the combination of America's conviction that every person should have access to affordable, high-quality care, and its simultaneous skepticism concerning every proposed plan for change.

Just look at the public's reaction to some of the ideas for reform. To the suggestion

that we require coverage for every American to promote preventive care comes the loud retort that forcing everyone to have insurance is un-American. To the notion that we should cut spending on costly, infrequently used procedures comes the cry that Americans should have access to any medical procedure they could ever possibly want, nevermind the price tag.

Now, I'm not saying that all of these ideas are perfect. I'm just pointing out the irony that Americans demand affordable coverage and access for all, yet reject any policy that has the potential to address these problems.

America's fickleness has reared its head once again in the current election. On the one hand, Barack Obama has suggested creating a national health plan available to all Americans, with guaranteed eligibility, benefits similar to those offered in the plan available to members of Congress and subsidies for those who do not qualify for Medicaid or SCHIP but still need financial aid.

Seemingly, his plan has addressed every criticism. No mandate for universal cover-

age. Affordable care for every American. Guaranteed access. Choice between private and employer-based coverage.

The public's reaction? Obama's plan is too costly and will create too much regulation.

Senator McCain, on the other hand, wants nothing close to a national health care plan, and instead advocates stimulating the private market and doing away with tax breaks for employer-based health insurance.

Now, come on. Voters say they want to ensure affordable coverage for every American. They say they want to take some of the power away from greedy insurance companies that deny care to the sick and disadvantaged. Is there really any question as to which plan will better address these issues? Granted, Obama's plan is going to be expensive. But let's be serious. Doing away with tax breaks will encourage employers to do away with their health care plans. And a \$5,000 tax credit will be a drop of water in a sea of health care costs, which now average \$12,680 a year for U.S. families. In addition to this, it is widely speculated that McCain's plan will leave millions of people uninsured and give more power to the insurance companies everyone despises.

But, in the end, no matter who gets elected, I doubt we'll ever get far enough to see either of these plans enacted. America loves to talk the talk, but won't walk the walk. When given the choice of actually addressing their constantly reiterated concerns about health care or doing nothing, Americans consistently choose the latter.

Andrew Zaleski is off this week. His column, Politicize This, will return with another installment in the next issue of The Greyhound.

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THUMBS BY PROFESSOR PLUM AND MISS SCARLET

Knocked Up

If all the heavy speculation is true, then we want to toast the absolutely unparalleled fertility of the Spears women. At age sixteen, Jamie Lynn is supposedly pregnant for the second time (her baby Maddie is only four months old). Allegedly, she didn't think she could get knocked up while breast-feeding. Not only are they really fertile, but those Spears girls obviously are getting their sex ed from the right place. And by the right place, we mean from a third-grader on the playground.

Mom's Graying, Dad's Balding

Since around junior year in high school, I've been putting my parents through the wringer. Some people like to do arts and crafts, play sports - I enjoy finding new ways to make mom go gray and dad, bald. (It's so sick, I know.) My latest tactic, and God is it beautiful, is playing the "I don't know what I'm going to do with the rest of my life" card on them. It's like INSTANT gray hair and baldness for them. Next semester, I'm considering unleashing the "I'm going to move home and live with you guys...forever." So beautiful.

Costumes

Halloween's only two weeks away, and it is time to get creative with the costumes. From the sexy witches to sexy nurses to just sexy...although every year sexy seems to be the fallback. Let's get creative and really commit to the costume, people. Last year in Fells, a group of people dressed up as MarioKart characters and rode go-karts through the street. Let's top that, ok?



(Stupid) Baseball Playoffs

Ok, I admit, I'm not a sports fan, but I'm generally not a hater. I only am about this because I resent when everyone is glued to the TV watching these God-forsaken playoffs instead of paying attention to me. Hello, I'm here. Hellooo. Pay attention to meeee.

Mid-terms Week

Every semester, we all feel the same sheer panic of midterms. There is no time to eat, sleep, go out or breathe as 15-45 percent of our final grades relies upon this one damn test on the classes we skipped in the thrill of being back at school. We'll be okay by the end of the semester, but right now we don't know which way is up. Let's hope for a 25-point curve to raise that 45 to a 70.

Loyola Plague

As it has hit most people, we all continue to fight of the Loyola Plague as the month and a half of malnutrition from campus food, Stoko's, Pei-Wei and Chipotle. Classes are interrupted by chains of coughing and sneezing as we all try to keep functioning long enough to party later. And we all raise a suspicious brow to why the plague spreads so quickly (you know what we're saying). Stock up on Vitamin C kids and eat a salad, time to get healthy to fight this plague off.



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The Bottom Line: To prevent further economic woe, examine the root causes

Philosopher George Santayana once said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." In dealing with the current economic crisis, history can serve as a vast bank of wisdom. How our government's actions affected the creation, duration and intensity of economic woes, for better or worse, can guide us in dealing with the future. Through reflecting on history, one can dispel the foolish impulses and reactions of many voters and elected officials who wish to mimic those of the past.

DANCLEMENTS

First, let us look at the situation so far. In the past year, we saw the bursting of the housing bubble, which knocked the first domino. The Federal Reserve responded by lowering the Federal Funds rate from 5.75 percent in August 2007 to 2.0 percent in April 2008. In doing so, the Federal Reserve injected billions of dollars into the economy.

The Fed also devised new techniques of direct lending and negotiated the buyout of Bear Stearns. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have now been nationalized. Lehman Brothers went bankrupt and AIG, the nation's largest insurance company, was rescued. Washington Mutual was closed by the Federal Insurance Deposit Corp. and its holdings were bought out by JP Morgan. A revised vision of the \$700 billion rescue plan was passed by Congress after a second attempt.

The chairman of the Federal Reserve, Ben Bernanke, described a grim outlook for the economy as the stock market continued to tumble. Just recently, the Fed also lent AIG an additional \$37.8 billion and cut interest rates again an additional half a percentage point.

The forecast for the U.S. economy is gloom. Those are the facts. It appears that the government has done all it can to alleviate the situation. However, this does not imply that the government lacks the potential to exacerbate our current predicament as we have seen it do before. There are several proposals that have gained the support of a large amount of voters and elected officials that would seriously worsen our economic status.

Many officials running for election support allowing the Bush tax cuts to expire for income-earners making over \$250,000 a year and allowing the top marginal tax rate to be re-raised back to 38.6 percent from 35 percent.

This echoes the mistake of President Herbert Hoover, who, during the onset of the Great Depression, raised the top marginal tax rate to 74 percent from 23 percent,

which, economists agree, severely worsened the Depression. Albeit Hoover's tax hike was much more drastic, it is an economic fact that raising taxes on anybody reduces aggregate demand and, consequentially, growth.

Another hazard we could fall into concerns the issue of free trade. Public support for free trade has fallen to as low as only one in every three Americans and many politicians have swum with the tide here. Some criticize NAFTA as a "bad deal" and promise renegotiation or, worse, withdrawal. Hoover also made the same mistake in signing the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act which vastly increased duties on imports. This aggravated the economic downturn and led to a series of anti-trade reactions around the world.

However, free trade has been universally accepted as beneficial to economic growth since the days of Adam Smith. Limiting free trade now would be a loss for American consumers as their access to cheaper imports would be diminished. Limiting free trade also would lead to trade blocks against us resulting in decreased consumption of American exports. This all pushes the econ-

omy in the wrong direction.

Investigating the root cause of this current situation can give us more direction on preventing more. The single most important preventative measure we can take is to reform our government-sponsored enterprises, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, due to their commanding role in the birth of this dilemma. During his terms as president, Bill Clinton greatly expanded The Community Investment Act, an attempt to expand homeownership to minorities. Lending rules were loosened to accomplish this goal and the subprime mortgage market exploded as loans were handed to borrowers who were too risky. In 2003, the Bush Administration attempted to put a stop to such reckless spending but the endeavor did not prevail. Rep. Barney Frank, ranking Democrat on the Financial Services Committee responded by famously claiming that, "These two entities – Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac – are not facing any kind of financial crisis," and applauded their success in expanding home ownership.

Investing in subprime mortgage securities became the latest fad, and the toxin spread. Then came the foreclosures and the rest is well publicized. Now is the time, while we have them under our control, to demand greater oversight of Fannie and Freddie.

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The American Dream is broken; come one, come all to the modern Great Depression

By **DARREN D'ALTORIO**
DAILY KENT STATER

Ladies and gentleman, boys and girls, children of all ages, step right up to the grand stage known as 21st century America.

A beautiful production is ahead, people, truly one for the ages. Be patient, try to remain seated and please refrain from throwing tomatoes, rocks, grenades or roses till the end of the show.

The spectacle about to take place is of much importance to the livelihood and prosperity of the American people. It is something that commands attention and respect. It demands peeled ears and wide eyes. It requires the audience to leave all complacency, conformity and preconceived notions of the American Dream at the door.

Folks, settle your stirring. Calm your voices. Sit back, relax.

Let the show begin.

Standing in a stagnant mud puddle is Joe Six-pack. He was the Midwest success story before the storm hit and before his nightmare came to life. Foreman of the factory where he worked, father of two children, husband to a dirty-blond haired wife, Mr. Six-pack had the life. A two-story home with a two-car garage, a black lab, an above-ground pool, boxes full of tools in a shed in the backyard — these were his possessions, his prizes, his life's hard work

materialized.

Sitting in a high-backed leather chair in an office overlooking Central Park is Benjamin Deep-pockets. He is toiling on the Internet, tearing through web pages of stock quotes, bond prices and index reports. Pieces of his hair, still bloody at the follicle, are littering the desk where he sits. His eyes sink, following the real-time graphs of the Dow Jones. He thinks about what he will tell his boyfriend when he gets home, that all the money they set aside to accrue value in the stock market so they could have a proper wedding is nearly gone. It's been reduced and depleted by the invisible market forces Deep-pockets thought he could control, given his Stanford education and financial prowess.

Lying in respective trenches are Lupe Fence-jumper and Johnny Patriotic.

Johnny is in Iraq, listening to the report of fully automatic weapons and feeling the chilling breeze of ammunition whirring past his Kevlar helmet.

Lupe is in a nowhere border town of South Texas. He is cut, clavicle to hip, from hopping the razor-wire fence that separates the desert graveyard of Mexico from the rich soils of American jurisdiction.

These men are on separate sides of the world, rolling in the same dirt Mother Earth has to offer, fighting for the same dream.

The dream was born by the Constitution. It was bred in bloodshed, war and revolution. It was lived by people who thought

walking the extra mile, over jagged rocks and across endless plains, was worth it. Generation after generation of people walking hand-in-hand with the dream turned the vague notion of limitless prosperity, directly proportional to hard work, into a promise, a guarantee that the title "American" certifies one to live out that dream.

Decade after decade, war after war, through inflation, deflation, stagflation and depression, the dream kept breathing and beating along with the footsteps of the people who flocked to this land because they believed in the system here.

Well, the system is broken. Therefore, that promise is gone.

Joe Six-pack feels alone. The winds from the tornado blew his steel tools all over the great, downtrodden plains. Those winds took his home and his cars. He and his wife are left with one child, the other hasn't been found in the rubble once known as their home. Natural disaster insurance, they have it. But it provides no comfort or solace. It's just another sunken cost at this point.

Deep-pockets feels abandoned. All those consumed college credit hours, learning the nuances of the financial spider web called Wall Street, short-changed him. He thought he had it figured out, his life, his plans. He was in control. Now, he is being controlled by a red-lined graph printed on the front page of every newspaper in the nation, illustrating the wrecked futures and

retirements of baby boomers.

Fence-jumper feels secure. Clutching a knapsack of personal possessions against a gaping wound, he just has to make it, past the police and border patrol, to the nearest free clinic for treatment. He is in the land of the free and the home of the brave. But bravery comes before freedom, and it's time for him to learn that the hard way, or at least try.

Patriotic feels proud. He is on the front lines of altruism, defending freedom for people he doesn't know and will never meet. With every returned fire, he feels one step closer to the goal, completion, home. But he just keeps shooting and shooting.

Addie Polk of Akron, knows all about shooting. The 90-year-old woman shot herself twice in the upper body as sheriff's deputies circled in, attempting to evict her from her foreclosed home. Her loan, which she defaulted on, was completely pardoned by financial institution Fannie Mae, a beneficiary of the \$700 billion bailout.

Grasping onto life in a hospital room in Akron, Polk has comfort knowing she is debt-free. And it only took a suicide attempt to get her there.

The American Dream has folded.

Will people across the nation start shooting themselves simply to live according to the doctrine of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Has consumerism and capitalism consumed the people? Has the American Dream become a suicidal tendency?



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Moving America beyond Reagan's grave toward a progressive, reinvented society

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COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTATOR

In opposing the initial version of the much-discussed Wall Street bailout, Rep. Darrell Issa of California boldly declared that any intervention to stabilize the financial system would be akin to putting a "coffin on top of Ronald Reagan's coffin." To remedy a crisis that was generated by the systematic assault on state regulation starting with the Reagan administration, Republican dissenters to the bailout offered us a Polyanna-like faith that free markets will never cease to bring forth manna from the earth.

It rarely pays to be more Catholic than the pope, and the strain of strident irredentism that calls for no government intervention in the economy under any circumstances was heartily rejected by the "respectable" political establishment of both parties. When

your house is on fire, you put the fire out — you don't sit in the living room and wait for Uncle Ronnie to tell you what to do. However, it

is also not well-advised to pay your local arsonist to extinguish the flames.

Authorizing the Bush administration to take hundreds of billions of dollars of public money and spend it on junk mortgages to support those that benefited most from

our three-decade-long deregulatory orgy would do just that. Yet, something must be done. However easy it is for the left to caricature Wall Street greed and dance gleefully on the corpses of the financial institutions that we spend most of our time lambasting, this is not a principled position. Financial crises always affect the most disadvantaged in our society, and a global credit meltdown would wreak havoc in the Global South to a much greater degree than the developed world. "Told-you-so" moralism isn't going to satisfy anyone.

As they do in such situations, our media and politicians have set up an absolute binary between doing nothing to remedy the situation and the elite-friendly bailout. While corporate welfare is an established practice in supposedly "free-market" administrations, in normal times you can't privatize the Treasury and hand out billions of dollars to wealthy firms. But now, if you

don't support the Wall Street giveaway, then you must not care if the world slides into misery.

In her book, *The Shock Doctrine*, Naomi Klein argues that in order to impose unpopu-

lar policies that lead to wealth transfer to elites, governments have to convince their population that the only alternative to their policy would be utter disaster. Her thesis is easily applicable to the current situation. In an interview with Bill Maher, she took the

issue deeper, arguing that the real disaster could occur in a prospective McCain presidency, in which a looted Treasury and a ballooning debt are used to justify the logic that we can no longer afford Social Security, healthcare, food stamps and the few remaining pillars of the welfare state. Far from the end of free-market ideology, this crisis could be used as an argument for its continuation and deepening.

It is not surprising that policy elites with roots in the financial establishment would come up with a plan that distributes costs primarily on the poor and middle classes and benefits primarily on the wealthy. But what is missed in this picture is that progressive alternatives to continuing the same policies that led us into this quagmire exist.

Take the proposal of Vermont's Sen. Bernie Sanders, for example. His little-discussed plan, which went down with a whimper on a voice vote in the Senate last week, is the antithesis of what was approved. With a supplemental five-year tax on incomes over \$1 million, it puts the burden of paying for the bailout on the rich, reasoning that they are both most able to do so and have benefited most in terms of income increases in the last decades. It calls for equity shares for taxpayers in bailed-out companies, so that they can benefit if the companies become profitable again, and for a comprehensive government economic recovery package reminiscent

of the New Deal. It would be the end of what Sanders calls "socialism for the rich and free enterprise for the poor" and would start the long and arduous task of redistributing the wealth that has trickled up to the highest echelons of our society.

The fact that opposition to the bailout plan was loudly voiced by Republican

zealots makes criticism appear to be a fringe position. However, labor unions usually compliant with the

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Democratic establishment such as the Service Employees International Union have taken firm stances against the plan and it was this wave of popular revulsion that caused its initial version to fail. The problem is that alternatives like Sanders' that seriously challenge the ideological hegemony of free-market capitalism are neither known nor seriously discussed. I may not be able to assess the feasibility of the plan, but I am confident that it should be within the realm of the imaginable.

The task that faces our society is just that—to expand the frontier of what is imaginable in our society. The shaking of the foundations of the speculative economy could lead to a progressive opening, in which we step back from the precipice and reinvent our society in dramatic ways.

Or, it can be the impetus for another round of "shock therapy" from the same people that brought us this wonderful new gilded age.

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Bailout bill only serves to expand power of Congress, not needed in economic crisis

BY TREVOR WHITE
DAILY TREADOR

With all of the pork, Washington looks like a pig sty.

Last week Congress passed the 442-page, \$850-billion Wall Street bailout bill. Except now proponents of the measure have decided that a friendlier term is "rescue bill," as if simply changing the name will inspire more people to support the mass socialization of our financial system.

The bill — originally a three-page outline submitted to congress by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson — quickly ballooned into the massive ambiguous document put into law. Since there is so much controversy surrounding this bill, I knew I had to write about it. So in the search of a well-studied opinion I did what I sincerely doubt many lawmakers have even done; I read the bill.

The first thing I noticed after reading the first two pages was how many times the treasury secretary was mentioned and how much power this bill allocated him. His name occurs 322 times, and in section 101, subsection C, item number 3; the treasury secretary is given the explicit power to designate any financial institution as an agent of the federal government and require them to carry out their duties as the federal government requires.

Does anyone else think that giving one person the power to seize and dictate a bank's action however he sees fit is a bad idea? Do you realize that Congress just gave one person totalitarian control over potentially all the financial institutions in the country with limited oversight?

Are we simply supposed to hope that he doesn't abuse this power? I think we have enough bad examples of how people will abuse the power given to them if they get the chance to know this is a bad idea.

Secretary Paulson may be a good guy; he may take the authority given to him and use it responsibly to resolve this crisis, but what about the next guy? The secretary is appointed by the president, and we are about to elect a new one. What if the

person the new president appoints isn't as trustworthy as he or she should be? I think that allowing one person to have massive amounts of power with minimal consequences for abuse is a set up for disaster.

Also contained within the bill are numerous earmarks that have very little to do with establishing financial stability. There is a \$2 million tax credit for toy wooden arrows hidden in the 26-page energy section of the bill, as well as a tax exemption for rum from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

I may just be missing the purpose of this bill but I thought it was to stabilize our financial markets, not provide congressmen a blank check to win re-election. How will easing the tax burden on toy wooden arrows help resolve any problems on Wall Street?

The bill also funnels money into leftist groups like the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN. The bill imposes a tax on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, of which the revenues go to various groups including ACORN, which has been involved in numerous voter fraud scandals over the years.

Coining this bill as a "rescue plan" is an insult to the American people's intelligence. A rescue is what happens when the Coast Guard saves a person from drowning in a hurricane. This bill should be called "Congress's attempt to expand its power and spend money on wasteful projects under the guise of aiding the country."

This bill halfheartedly treats the symptoms of a greater underlying problem in our financial systems without truly addressing the cause. It brings more private firms under the direction of the federal government and will explode the national debt.

Our generation will be the one that has to deal with the ramifications of these actions, and the untangling of this massive web of government overreaching will take a lot of work that will most likely never happen.

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Rage against the voting machine

BY JENNIFER SUSSEX
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After the calamity known as the 2000 presidential election, public outcry forced the U.S. Congress to pass the Help America Vote Act of 2002. HAVA solved the problem of those pesky "hanging chads," giving states about \$3.9 billion to switch from the punch-card voting system to touch-screen machines, among other changes. But due to the way these machines are monitored (or rather, not monitored), this election is precariously close to mirroring the contentious election of eight years ago.

With HAVA's help, the high-tech, computerized touch screens that have replaced paper ballots appear to have resolved the issue of determining voter intent in the event of a recount. Few besides residents of Sarasota, Fla. realize that some models of the new machines actually eliminate the possibility of an accurate recall entirely.

In the 2006 race in Sarasota, tallies revealed that Democratic candidate Christine Jennings lost to Republican Vern Buchanan by about 368 votes. The results wouldn't have been an issue, but it turned out 18,000

members of the community "undervoted." In other words, 18,000 voters bizarrely cast a non-valid vote for neither Buchanan nor Jennings.

Sarasota polling places used Electronic Systems & Software, Inc.'s iVotronic touch screens, which record votes on a digital memory card similar to a flash drive. However, the iVotronic only stores a copy of the voter's selections on its digital memory card. No paper copy is ever created. This means that if the 18,000 undervotes were caused by a problem with the computers themselves, a digital recount would produce similar figures, confirming some doubts already surrounding the new technology.

With the exception of a few more votes in favor of Jennings, the results of the digital recount were the same as the previous tally, leaving the rest of the 18,000 undervotes unexplained. Some have argued that voters deliberately abstained from voting in the mudslinging Buchanan-Jennings campaign. But even after the 2000 election, it is unlikely that the acidic aftertaste would be enough to discourage 18,000 from partici-

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pating. Rather, it is more likely that the software was responsible for the undervotes.

An internal memo from high-ranking ES&S employees dated August 2006 confirmed that the iVotronic machines had flawed software. The executives discussed a bug that created a delay in displaying the voter's choice. If voters became perplexed and clicked their choice again, it would deselect the original vote. Could that have happened 18,000 times?

“Without a paper trail and properly tested machines, the 2008 election could become another fiasco. At a time when the country is more active — and more polarized — than ever in recent history, we must be able to take a more active role in developing the technology with which we cast our votes.”

Robert Frost, an associate professor in the University of Michigan's School of Information, postulates that our culture revels in its love for the quick “technical fix,” likening technology to a magic wand that is presented as a solution to all of our problems. As a result, the touch-screen machines entered the market for voting machines without adequate testing or litigation to enforce quality standards.

Under federal laws created in 2002, the testing of the machines is still not technically required — and if it does take place, the vendors of the voting machines fund it. And because the companies fund it, the testing is considered private. After

all, the results of a private study do not have to be disclosed to the public, rendering the average citizen incapable of holding these companies accountable.

HAVA should now recognize that the companies that create these products can't be trusted to conduct independent testing, if for no other reason than because fixing problems with their machines costs them money.

The computer's source code — the programming in the computer itself — should be opened up. An

open-source code would allow the functionality of the machines to be tested at academic institutions, where the findings could then be made accessible to the public.

The computer scientists who would test and improve these products

could also then eliminate the use of the problematic, paperless machines like the iVotronic.

Without a paper trail and properly tested machines, the 2008 election could become another fiasco. At a time when the country is more active — and more polarized — than ever in recent history, we must be able to take a more active role in developing the technology with which we cast our votes.

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BY KAITLIN FREEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The beauty of art is that it has no rules. There are no limits, obligations or structures. Art comes in endless amounts of variations, able to reach out to almost anyone. The newest art exhibit displayed in the Julio Fine Arts Gallery at Loyola College embodied these precise characteristics.

The art was whimsical, innovative, antique and captivating. For instance, a slate-colored leather lounge chair equipped with stainless steel light fixture (perfect for reading) was displayed as a 1930s art structure.

The ability to portray simple furniture

simultaneously as an aesthetic piece of work isn't easy yet was accomplished here and admired by many. There were displays of 1930s lamp design drawings as well. They were done with colored pencil and water color, complimenting the chair and lamp fixtures on display beside it.

Continuing with innovative art, the exhibit displayed antique light fixtures in a glass cabinet, as well as antique lanterns, old fashioned playing cards and other miscellaneous artifacts. The array was enticing, quaint and historical. It was truly an interesting display of work as well as a visual pleasure to observe.

Alongside the remarkable antique structures and artwork was what dazzled most of all: the outstanding photography. In particular,

one piece stood out defiantly. A simple tree branch hovered over a misty fog stopped people in their tracks. It was haunting, moving and mystical. This piece by Joseph Hyde was one most certainly desired those who took note.

Furthermore, the extraordinary photography didn't stop at the *Untitled* tree branch piece. There were whimsical photographs of oriental design as well. These pieces were intricate, detailed and incredibly fun. They appeared to have made every viewer smile in enjoyment.

However, what stood out most prominent, demanding every on-lookers attention upon entrance was Sara Hobbs' *Untitled-Perfectionist*. This large photograph consumed the most wall space in the gallery, displaying a mountain of sharp, crumpled paper piled in a room.

The crisp white paper mountain was contrasted well with the rich, dark wood of the desk, as well as the vibrant, green bush and blinding light pouring in from the window.

In addition to innovative pieces, there were impressive lithographs on display as well. A hard technique to execute, the several designs showed were creative and very talented.

An artistic design by Hollis Sigler called *Waiting for Divine Inspiration* was displayed parallel to a more modern design of the slang word YO, a section that appealed to many. Another favorite piece in the gallery was Lauren Green's *Mixed Media*. It was a psychedelic collage of natural materials, colors and textures. It was vibrant and exuberant.

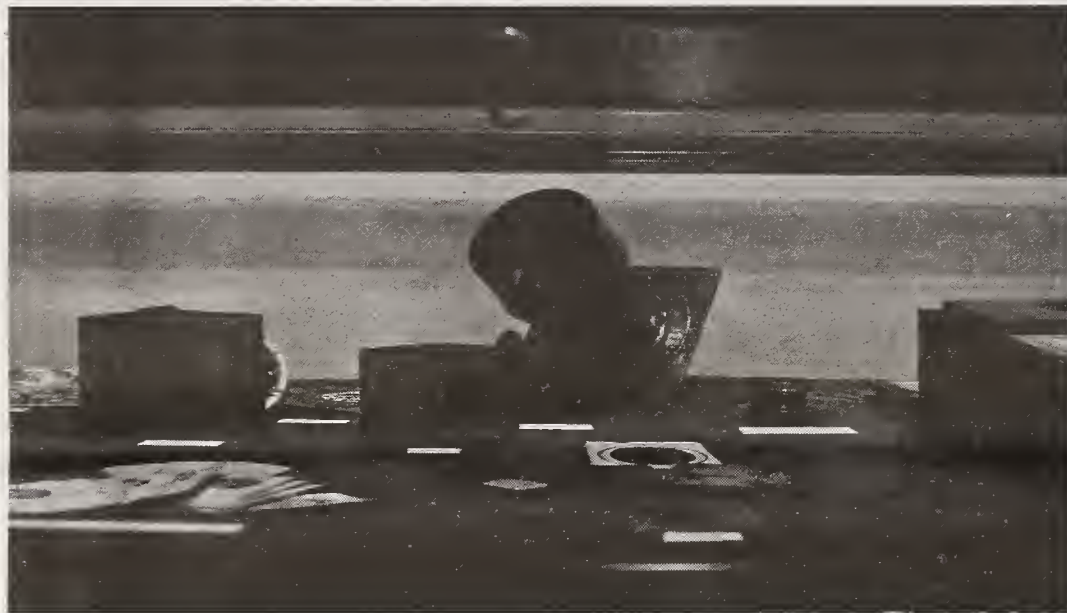
Overall, the newest art exhibit at the



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These sculptures were among the more whimsical pieces in *Loyola Collects* art exhibition, which is a grouping of Loyola faculty private artwork.

Loyola College art gallery is more than worth the visit. It is inspiring and intriguing. The pieces not only make one think and wonder but also stop and appreciate the uniqueness and unorthodox aesthetic quality of some art. The artists are undeniably talented and expected by all those impressed by the exhibit to continue defying artistic boundaries in the future.



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The latest exhibition at the Julio Fine Arts Gallery includes many tangible pieces.

Lupe Fiasco Lights Up Reitz Arena



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Lupe Fiasco energized a jam-packed Reitz Arena on Saturday night with famous hit songs "High Definition" and "Superstar" among others. The capacity crowd also heard "Daydreamin'" and "Hip Hop Saved My Life" during the hour-long performance that everyone clearly enjoyed. Lupe was unfortunately unavailable for an interview after the show.

Baltimore native Steve Manson featured in *Morning Light*

BY SARA CARR
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

Opening this weekend is an epic documentary following young sailors as they race in one of the most renowned competitions in the sport, the TRANSPAC. Baltimore native Steve Manson plays a key role in the film as he reaches the top 15 among the thousands of applicants. This past Friday, *The Greyhound* sat down with Manson to discuss his experience and what sailing means to him.

Q: How was it like to make the top 15 after all of the selection trials you went through?

A: I had very, very limited racing experience before the selection trials I started racing to get ready for this race but before then, before I knew about it. I had taught sailing, but more of cruising. Sailing is a lot more intense, a lot more aggressive; there can be a lot of yelling sometimes depending on the person, the personalities, but it's a lot different from relaxing, cruising... So you got this challenge in front of you and it's like, "I don't know if I will be able to live up to it. But I'll tell you what I'm gonna try to do my best and see how far that gets me and I will go from there." But the whole thing was challenging. Those few weeks were intense I got to meet a lot

of good people. And I made a lot of friends, but it was hard. Everybody deserves to be on the boat, but there is fifteen people. And there can only be eleven in the race.

Q: Did you come up with the idea



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Morning Light chronicles young sailors as they compete in the TRANSPAC race.

for the ending credits song, "Long Time Coming?"

A: It's a song by Otis Redding and a few other people in Motown. The words are different, though, but the title is the same. My brother used to play it, and he had been

through some stuff, and he has come a long way in his life, too. And he would sing that song and sometimes he would break down singing it. I would just listen to it all the time and when I was going through my whole ordeal I just kinda thought about that song a

So he had us throw something together, but he didn't necessarily tell us it was going to be in the movie.

Q: What was the best moment for you during this whole experience?

A: I guess when I actually made the team... I was blown away, speechless... It was really crazy 'cause my mother passed away recently, within like three months. To have that and to have this situation and you lose someone that close to you it's just tough. And then to have this happen to you, it was instantaneous bipolarism, if that's even the word. To go from super low to this high... And you are aww, this is great this is great I am going to Hawaii, and I actually told somebody, "I can't wait to tell mom"... I can't tell her.

In the end, all in all, I still can't believe this happened, and I am still so excited. I can't wait for tonight. My family will get the chance to go see it... I was ecstatic when I heard that we were having a Baltimore premiere. It might not have been the best moment but it was the most extreme point for me.

Q: What do you want the audience to get from this film?

A: We want people to connect with the journey, the ups and the downs, and the emotion, the stress, and the people bonding

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Rising rock band This Providence talks to *Greyhound*

BY SAMANTHA PREFONTANE
STAFF WRITER

Ranked among *Alternative Press*' "100 Bands You Need to Know About in 2007", This Providence is playing at the 9:30 club on October 21st and it's not the show to miss!

After releasing their first two albums, *Our Worlds Divorce* and the self-titled album *This Providence*, they have recently announced the release of their EP *The Bright Lights* for October 14th. This will be their first music released since their self-titled album in 2006.

The EP will include previously unreleased material recorded during sessions for the band's upcoming full length release. Also featured on the EP is a "renovated" version of "My Beautiful Rescue" which in its original form has already sold 72,000+ digital downloads.

The band members; Dan Young(vocals), Gavin Philips(guitar), David Blaise(bass) and Andy Horst(drums) are currently on tour with The Uncle Fest Tour with Reliant K and Ludo, and it seems they have nowhere to go but up.

Interviewer: SP/Samantha Prefontaine
Interviewee: Dan Young (Lead Singer of This Providence)

SP: How long have you been writing music?

Dan: Well, since I was fourteen so ten

years.

SP: What's your favorite thing about being in the music industry?

Dan: Playing music, writing music.

SP: When did you decide that you really wanted to pursue being a musician as a career?

Dan: When I was fourteen I got really into MXPX, and thought "Hey, I could do that!" I really thought it seemed within my reach.

SP: What is your inspiration for writing the lyrics to your songs?

Dan: Life, I suppose. When I hear other really great bands, I'm really motivated to write my own stuff, and lyrically, music can really help people through things, so I use my own life experiences to inspire my lyrics. Music was a big part of my life growing up.

SP: Are there any musicians you really look up to?

Dan: I have an unhealthy obsession with Oasis recently.

SP: There seems to have been a definite growth and progression of your music between the albums "Our Worlds Divorce" (2004) and "This Providence" (2006). Is there anything you can attribute to that growth?

Dan: Yes, well a certain measure comes from there being two years between the albums and it's a natural thing when bands grow. I was pretty young when we recorded

the first album and a lot of experience comes from that. I actually prefer the first album, though. I feel like it was a time when I was more honest with myself and we were really

true to who we were.

SP: Can we expect the same type of progression from the new EP and album to be coming out?

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THIS PROVIDENCE

Fueled By Ramen upstarts This Providence are gaining national attention with their brand of rock music. They were ranked in *Alternative Press*' "100 Bands You Need to Know About in 2007." They will release their latest effort on October 14, called *The Bright Lights*.

Vintage fashion stores take over B'more shopping

BY LANA RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

A huge factor in being fashionable is being able to pull together a look for less and discover something stylish wherever you're shopping. One of the best ways to look beautiful on a strict budget is shopping vintage.

Visiting a vintage store tends to be an experience to say the least, but when you sift through racks for hours on end and finally come across a gorgeous YSL belt from the 1970s or an Audrey Hepburn strand of pearls circa *Breakfast at Tiffany's* it can be incredibly worth the wait.

A lot of students aren't aware that the surrounding Baltimore area is filled with vintage stores that are more than worth the cab ride to stop through. I've been incredibly picky while sifting through outrageous stores plagued with bad polyester, and have discovered a few vintage boutiques that are diamonds in the bad 80s ruff.

I've happily chosen my three favorite vintage boutiques in the area and have spoken to each of their owners to acquire a better understanding of what their stores are all about. Each of the following stores house fantastic one-of-a-kind finds that coincide with the latest trends in fashion.

The first store is called Zone, and it's located a short distance away from campus one block north of the Washington Monument at 813 North Charles Street in the trendy Mount Vernon neighborhood.

This particular store is small, but it's packed with possibilities especially when it comes to accessories.

Zone is known for its unique selection of Nicole Richie-esque sunglasses, and tends to house garments predominantly from the 60s and 70s.

What I love about Zone is they only sell the highest quality vintage. They refuse to carry anything that's damaged or stained, and they wash everything before they display it on the sales floor which sets them apart from their competition.

Obviously when it comes to vintage an appropriate level of wear and tear is expected, but there's no reason to lower



PHOTO COURTESY OF KILLER TRASH FLICKR

Baltimore vintage store, Killer Trash, is pictured above. The Fells Point shop features affordable fun fashion. It is among other great vintage stores in the area including Mount Vernon's Zone store which has more pieces from the 60s and 70s.

your shopping standards and be forced to try on adorable clothing that smells like your grandmother's bad perfume.

With comfortable plaid button-ups invading the fashion market today, Zone is currently carrying tons of merchandise their sales team eloquently considers to have that "90s grunge feel." Their store is also filled with gorgeous neck scarves and turquoise jewelry that would make anyone wonder where you purchased it.

Their price point is reasonably low, and Zone is the place to hit if you're looking for pieces that make a statement without screaming over-the-top.

The second vintage boutique in the area that exceeds expectations is The Clothing Warehouse located at 1211 South Charles Street in Federal Hill. Owner Callie McDonald categorizes this store as "classic vintage with an interesting modern twist."

The Clothing Warehouse carries attire from as far back as the 1950s, but they also make sure everything they sell is of a high level of quality.

Currently, like most vintage stores they're carrying tons of plaid button ups and leather bomber jackets that perfectly fit current fashion trends, but McDonald says they're really famous for their fantastic selection of cowboy boots and clutches.

Naturally, The Clothing Warehouse carries the staples that make every vintage store a fantastic shopping experience: the hilarious one-of-a-kind t-shirts, the crazy costume jewelry and the huge statement sunglasses.

This store sets itself apart however because mixed into its never-ending racks are brand-name treasures from some of the most famous designers.

Right now the store's most expensive item is a Barney's New York brown leather bomber jacket which is selling for only \$79.95. The Clothing Warehouse has been known to carry vintage from designers as high end as Burberry, but their greatest asset is that regardless of what they sell, their prices remain completely reasonable.

The last vintage store worth visiting is

Killer Trash in Fells Point. If you decide to visit Killer Trash be prepared to do some serious searching; there's no doubt you'll find incredible merchandise, but it will require significant manual labor.

This store is small and packed from end to end, but its overall aesthetic is fun and lively and their sales team is very helpful. If you have the energy and patience to scrounge through their racks upon racks of clothing and jewelry, you'll discover they're the perfect place to visit if you're looking for something retro to wear to a costume party or for Halloween.

Killer Trash is known to sell the most unique items in the surrounding Baltimore area, and on weekends passers-by will find Killer Trash invading the sidewalk in front of their display window because they have so much to sell but so little room.

The store makes for an entertaining shopping experience and it's everything vintage shopping should be; hard work with an at times incredible reward.


Killer Trash is located at 602 South Broadway in Fells Point and the shopping in the surrounding area is fantastic so it's an ideal place to casually visit if you have any kind of free time.

Vintage shopping is guiltless shopping. It's the perfect way to look great but feel even greater about that fact that you didn't spend a ton of money on an item you'll discard after wearing it a few times.

Zone, The Clothing Warehouse and Killer Trash are stores packed with merchandise sure to set you apart from the crowd and suit your shopping needs.

Pay them a visit and you'll undoubtedly come across an original one-of-a-kind find that's sure to provoke envy.


Check back next week for another fashion fix.



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IN THEATERS OCTOBER 17

NYC band Kelsey and the Chaos are set for stardom

By MEGHAN HOLE
STAFF WRITER

Being in a band while having two members in Manhattan and the other two in central Jersey is no easy feat. But Kelsey and the Chaos can do it, and they do it well.

The first two members of the band were the singer Kelsey Merritt, 19, and the drummer, Nick Rotunno, 18. They met at Berklee College of Music and knew they wanted to start something.

"We knew we wanted to base the band out of the New York/Tri-State Area, so we posted topics and forums on every website we could saying we needed two guitarists. And luckily enough, Brian was looking through the forums on Myspace a little after we posted, and [he] messaged us," said Nick and Kelsey.

"The experience [of] searching for members was very hectic because we knew we were being solicited for Warped Tour and had plenty of other shows in the works. We were lucky enough to find Brian and Justin, bring them into practice, and we all just clicked from that point on," they said.

The two guitarists that they found were Justin Stabler, 20, and Brian Pascoe, 20. Creating the band's current lineup began in late November of 2007 and took until late January of 2008.

Justin and Brian were previously in a band called Even the Odds, Kelsey was a solo artist and Nick was in a band called Take the Fall.

How long have they been together? "Less than a year," said the two of them. "We formed in January [of] 2008, and played our first show in March [of] 2008."

In order for these guys to practice, at least two of the four must make a commute to get where they need to be.

"We are only separated by about an hour and a half by car or train. We just really have to commit to what we are doing because traveling an hour and a half three times a week for band practice is very tiring.

We have two practice facilities so we can split up who has to travel so it isn't always [the same] two people traveling while the others don't have to," Nick and Kelsey told me.

The type of music they play would be pop/rock. "Simple and easy," they said. "Kelsey writes the lyrics and melody ideas. The band comes up with the rest of the music. We all have an active say in the writing process and try to mix up all of our ideas."

Where does inspiration come from? "Finding inspiration for a song can come from other songs we like and even everyday experiences," they said.



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Kelsey and the Chaos features band members from the New York/ Tri-State Area who formed last year. Despite the short time that the ensemble has been together, they have already played at the Warped Tour. They had three dates on the East Coast Independent Warped Tour Stage.

"Everything we listen to influences how we write and sound. We all like a variety of music and bands.

We're inspired by 80s rock. Pat Benatar [and] Joan Jett are a couple of favorites. We all like modern rock as well. Kelsey draws inspiration from No Doubt, Reel Big Fish, as well as some old R&B music. Basically everything!"

Playing at Warped Tour is a big deal, as is performing at 10 shows for a brand new band. "We are managed by East Coast Independent, and [we] solicited ourselves to be on the East Coast Independent Warped Tour Stage. They hooked us up with three dates on their stage.

We also contacted another stage, The Shiragirl Stage, who also booked us on four dates. After our run was over, East Coast Independent asked us if we would like to stay on for another three dates, and we gladly accepted," they said.

"We did our first real tour this summer [of] 2008, which just happened to be the Vans Warped Tour...It was a blast and extremely rewarding, but a ton of hard work on very little sleep.

We have a bunch of great tours in the works and will be playing shows on the East Coast the next few months."

The Vans Warped Tour gave Kelsey and the Chaos the opportunity to share the stage with bigger-name bands.

Some bands they have played with are: From First to Last, Mae, Bret Michaels, The Pink Spiders, Sound the Alarm and Split Fifty.

"We've played a lot of shows in such a short amount of time of being a band. The best one so far was probably the MTV2 Battle of the Bands we recently played. We played for over 500 people. Our performance was

judged by Chris Carrabba of Dashboard Confessional and two band members of Panic at the Disco. There was a ton of energy and that made it so much fun."

They released their first EP *Against the Wall* in June of 2008. They said they are "...currently touring off that, and are planning on writing again in 2009."

With the shows they have they "...try to play as many shows as possible! We are currently working on a touring schedule that would have us playing 15 to 20 shows a month.

I asked them about their worst onstage experience. They replied with, "It's pretty hard to pick out one particular experience. Every time you go onstage there is usually something you have to overcome. Whether it be bad sound, being sick, playing [or] singing a wrong note, etc. You just have to overcome it."

Even with all the unusual things that they have to do in order to practice, they do just that. Overcome it. And it seems to work pretty well for them.

Check them out on Myspace at <http://www.myspace.com/kelseyandthechaos> or purchase goodies at <http://www.kelseyandthechaos.bigcartel.com/>



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Kelsey and the Chaos are inspired by 80s rock staples Pat Benatar and Joan Jett as well as modern rock artists No Doubt and Reel Big Fish. They describe their music as "simple and easy" pop/rock.

Have a band that you'd like to be featured in The Greyhound? Feel free to email me at mehole@loyola.edu or let me know via Facebook or Myspace!

This Providence will take the stage in D.C. on October 21

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Dan: Well...yes and no. I feel like the new stuff is a lot more honest, and about personal experiences though it may not seem that way. There's more attention to the song writing where as "This Providence" was more focused on the instrumental aspect.

SP: What is your favorite venue for playing?

Dan: My favorite show was in the UK when we were touring with Paramore. It was a really big club with somewhere near 3,500 people. So I suppose I really enjoy the big club scene. It's a lot of energy, very fun.

SP: Is there a specific song you enjoy playing live?

Dan: I like to play any of the new stuff, but as far as something from the old Album "But what will they say" is a really fun song with an energetic attitude so that's a good one to play.

SP: What do you do when you're not touring?

Dan: I pretty much write music. I hang



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS RAMSEY

Lead singer of This Providence Dan Young is pictured above at a recent concert.. The band is currently on tour to promote their latest EP.

out with friends, relax. Being on tour is pretty hectic. But the past ten months when we haven't been touring I've been writing and recording for the new stuff, so it's non-stop. It's a full time job.

SP: In past interviews, there have been a lot of questions about your faith and whether or not you're a Christian band. So what role does faith play in your music?

Dan: It plays a big role. It's a big part of my life. All of us are Christian and I think it just translates naturally into our music. It's how I deal with things in my life, so when I write music, it automatically takes a part.

SP: What would you like listeners to take away from your music?

Dan: A love of music can help someone through something and I would like to be able to accomplish that for others with our music. It's great to be a fun band and all, but I would like our music to go a little deeper.

SP: Lastly, what is your favorite breakfast cereal?

Dan: Raisin Bran. It's a little dull I suppose. I don't really like cereal, but Raisin Bran makes for a nice hearty breakfast.

Morning Light captures the heart of America's youth

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and working through that b.s. together...I want people to watch this movie and say "Hey that was a great movie, I'm gonna find something I want to do right now, I am going to go out I am going to put some time into it and be serious about it. If I want to learn guitar, I'm gonna learn guitar...Whatever it is you want to do, do it, don't look back,

don't say I wish I could've done this, do it...People are so scared to leave that safe zone, but if you want to live life you gotta live outside the box, sometimes that is the only way to live.

The next step for Steve is his sophomore year at SUNY Maritime College where is studying Naval Architecture. He is also pursuing a Third Mate's license on an unlimited ship.



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The film *Morning Light* is less about the race and more about the journey as a group of young sailors grow together in their year of training in Hawaii. *The Greyhound* was able to talk to Steve Manson, one of the sailors who reached a spot in the top 15 and who is also a Baltimore native.

Fall Semester Seminal Dialogue
and
Association of Latin American and Spanish Students

REALITIES BEHIND THE POLICIES

Wednesday, October 15th at 7pm
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Aries (March 21-April 20) Close friends and relatives may this week openly compete for your continuing loyalty. Family events or social gatherings will now require active diplomacy. Ignore all small or annoying comments.

HOROSCOPES
By Lasha Seniuk/MCT

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Business skills now need to improve. Late Monday key officials may assign new duties or outline unique learning programs. If so, expect new schedules and expectations in the coming months.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Over the next few days subtle comments from friends or lovers may be misleading. Loved ones are now sensitive to social pressures and may expect quick actions or decisions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Co-workers may be moody and unpredictable before mid-week: watch for minor disputes and quick social disruptions. At the moment personality differences and small disagreements are best left unnoticed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Loved ones may this week demand more of your attention than usual. If so, expect complex social triangles or rare family invitations to be on the agenda. Provide reliable advice and calm acceptance.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Before mid-week avoid asking for detailed explanations or new instructions. For many Virgos minor business tensions may now trigger moody responses from co-workers and authority figures.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Late Monday a

close friend may ask probing questions or offer subtle romantic observations. Friends and colleagues will this week express new curiosity concerning private events, invitations or opinions.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Romantic proposals and family obligations may be unusually complex this week: after Monday expect a new friend or potential lover to create minor tensions in the home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Thoroughly check legal documents or official paperwork this week. At present financial errors or sensitive time sequences, if left unattended, will quickly become costly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Self-image and public reputation are now a strong influence in all business relationships. Late Monday watch for key official to assign new leadership roles or request special appearances.

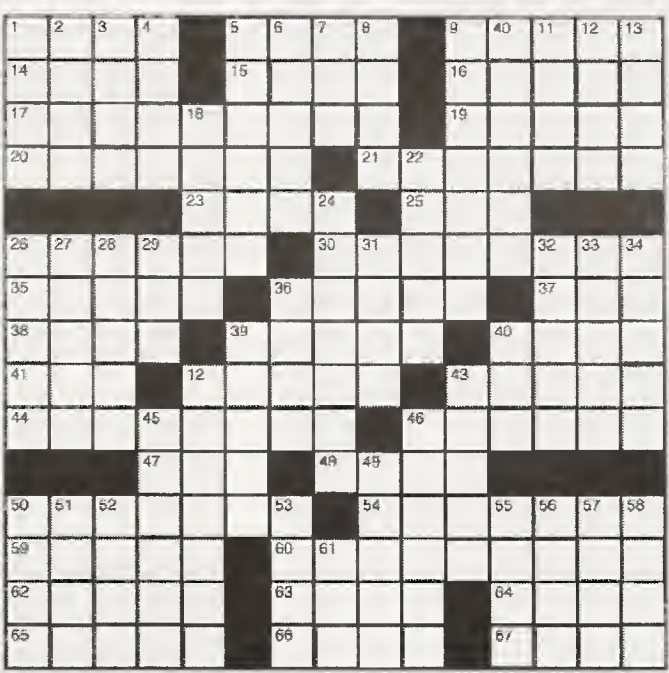
Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Rare permissions from authority figures may now arrive. Early this week expect previously denied projects to begin moving rapidly forward. If so, clarify all rules or instructions before taking action.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Before mid-week expect close friends or romantic partners to issue unusual questions, comments or observations. Social criticism, recent group events or strained home relationships may soon require special attention.

If your birthday is this week...love, romantic proposals and social challenges may be a continuing theme over the next 11 weeks. Before mid-January watch for loved ones to press for stronger commitments or revised home routines. Much of the coming year will bring new structure and security to family and romantic relations.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Being as stated
 - 5 Jettison
 - 9 Hot, in a way
 - 14 Join the game
 - 15 Person of courage
 - 16 Hilo hiya
 - 17 Like a good pep talk
 - 19 Causing death
 - 20 Hired
 - 21 Come forth
 - 23 Heat, to crooks
 - 25 Anger
 - 26 Greeted
 - 30 Setting on fire
 - 35 Birch relative
 - 36 Hangs onto
 - 37 Expected
 - 38 Actor's part
 - 39 Biology subdivision
 - 40 Discharge
 - 41 Wind dir.
 - 42 Radioactivity unit
 - 43 Ill-tempered
 - 44 Legendary sea creatures
 - 46 Knitted shoe
 - 47 Conclude
 - 48 Streetcar in London
 - 50 Tranquilizes
 - 54 Weasels' kin
 - 59 Twisted thread
 - 60 Provisional
 - 62 Weird
 - 63 Nabisco favorite
 - 64 Feline weapon
 - 65 Groom oneself
 - 66 Hock
 - 67 Female fowl
- DOWN
- 1 Roasting skewer
 - 2 Forearm bone
 - 3 Wine barrel
 - 4 Excess promo
 - 5 ___ of Turin
 - 6 Big name in pickle packing
 - 7 Sea eagle
 - 8 Venetian magistrate
 - 9 African treks
 - 10 Star orbiter



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Solutions to Last Week's Puzzle

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AGATE	YES	DECOR
MOLASSES	SIERRA	
	SPEED	RAMPANT
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- 49 Make fresh
- 50 Tread
- 51 Nightstand
- 52 Dreadful
- 53 Octagonal sign
- 55 Skin irritation
- 56 World's longest river
- 57 "Blackboard Jungle" writer
- 58 Stitches
- 61 Historical period

THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF FLYBOY

EPISODE SIX:
THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR... AQUAMAN.

BY
DAN CORRIGAN
AND PAUL ZAJAC

AFTER DEFEATING HIS NEW NEMESIS, FAKE TAN GIRL, FLYBOY REASSUMES HIS ALTAIR EGO OF UNPOPULAR STUDENT SPENCER PULASKI TO ATTEND THE MAJORS FAIR.

HELLO THERE, SPENCER! ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE STUDY OF IMPROBABLE CREATURES?

AM I? I'M ACTUALLY FRIENDS WITH A GIANT RADIOACTIVE OCTOPUS!

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

CRYPTOZOOLOGY SOUNDS REALLY INTERESTING, CONSIDERING THAT I LIKE REGULAR BIOLOGY BUT AM ENCHANTED BY THE IMPRACTICALITY OF THE HUMANITIES.

SOUNDS LIKE STUDYING UNICORNS, BIG FOOT, AND THE DUCK-BILLED PLATYPUS IS FOR YOU. OH, NO, THAT POOR GIRL'S CHOKING ON A COMPLIMENTARY MINT FROM THE HEALTH SERVICES TABLE!

SPENCER FLEES TO THE BATHROOM TO ASSUME HIS SECRET IDENTITY.

GOOD THING I CARRY MY COSTUME IN MY BOOK BAG, AS OPPOSED TO MY WESTERN CIV TEXT BOOK. I WISH THE SPANDEX DIDN'T CHAFE SO MUCH THOUGH...

20 MINUTES LATER...

BASIC LIFESAVING TECHNIQUES, AY?... HMM...

DIOS MIO, IT'S THE CHUPACABRA!

IT'S A GOOD THING THAT GIRL KNEW THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER, AND SHE'S OKAY.

NEXT WEEK IN FLYBOY: SPENCER TAKES CPR CLASSES AND IS ACCUSED OF MUTILATING A MEXICAN GOAT HERD.



Women continue streak, beat St. Peter's, Manhattan

BY PETE THEIS
STAFF WRITER

After starting off MAAC play with 2 wins, the Loyola Women's soccer team continued their excellence in execution on the field as they improved their MAAC record to 3-0 after shutting down Saint Peter's 4-0.

With the win, the hard-nosed defense of the Greyhounds recorded their fourth consecutive shutout. The win also was the fifth straight victory for the Greyhounds, who have seen great success as of late, due to in large part to their scoring off set pieces.

"We did a good job of finishing chances in the first half," stated Coach Vettori. "Kelly's goal was a great shot, and she finished it right away. Lina's header was a terrific play off of a set piece."

Loyola got off to a fast and furious start when in the ninth minute sophomore Kelly Farrell got a ball on the right part of the field, made a nice cut back move to beat her defender to the middle of the 18-yard box and lobbed the ball with her left foot just over the leaping head of the Peahens' goalkeeper.

Just nine minutes later, the Hounds doubled their advantage when senior Theresa Ferraina struck a gorgeous bending shot that sophomore Lina Staropoli leaped up and

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Scholz shines in Beijing, returns to LC amid praise, adulation

BY MATTHEW KIEBUS
STAFF WRITER

One year ago Phil Scholz and Taxi walked the Evergreen campus in anonymity. He was a blind student lead by his yellow Labrador retriever. People knew who Scholz was, but no one knew Phil, the talented student-athlete who was about to take the campus by storm.

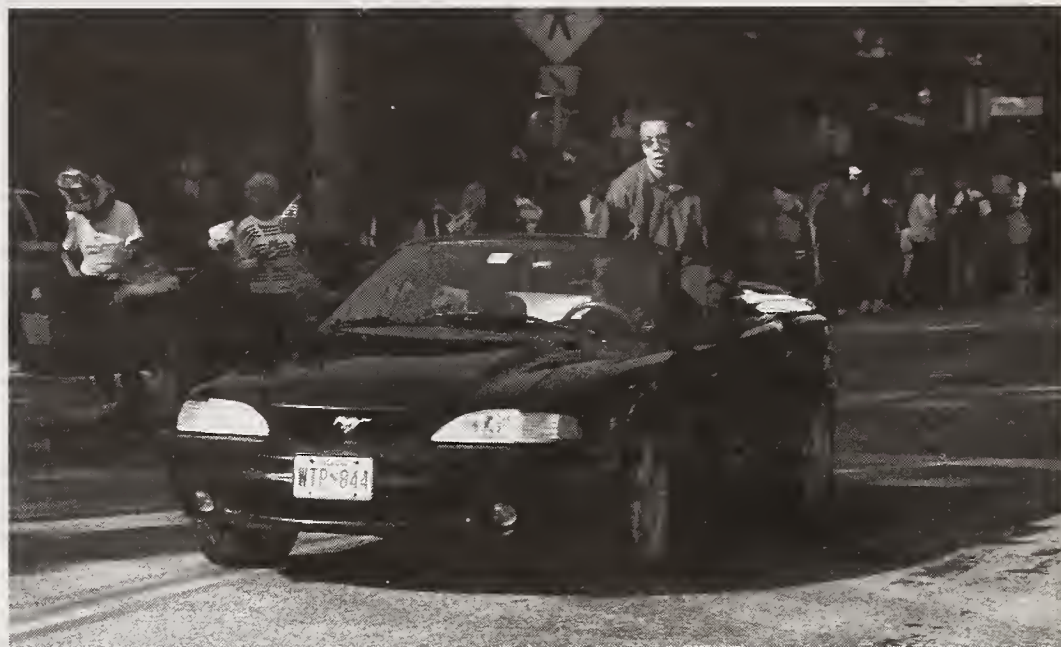
Flash forward one year later.

Now Scholz is one of the most well known students on campus. In the past year his story has been featured on ESPN.com, in the Baltimore Sun, and local TV stations. He threw out the first pitch at a Baltimore Orioles game. He was nominated for an ESPY in the category of Best Male Athlete with a Disability. He has set American swimming records almost every time he jumped in a pool. After his publicity and record swim times, Scholz earned a spot on the U.S. Paralympic team. From anonymity to limelight, Scholz found himself swimming in "The Cube" in Beijing one week after Baltimore's golden child Michael Phelps proved he isn't human and actually a fish.

Scholz's last year has been a fairytale, and the trip to Beijing was the pinnacle.

"Someone really had to pinch me," joked Scholz.

Before Scholz flew to Beijing, he ventured to Colorado where he met the U.S. Paralympic team. Scholz spent three days in Colorado, getting oriented to his eight new coaches and thirty-seven teammates, before flying across the world to compete in Beijing against world class athletes in a venue that is truly one of



COLE PENNINGTON/GREYHOUND

Blind swimmer Phil Scholz was honored in the Parade of Gold since he competed in five events and qualified for two finals at the 2008 Paralympic Games.

a kind.

However, Scholz's next stop on his Paralympic journey was Kadina Air Force base in Japan where he and the rest of the U.S. team got adjusted to the 12-hour time difference between Baltimore and Japan. Here, the team continued to bond and build chemistry. Scholz was one of the many Paralympic rookies on the team, which roughly made up one third of the team. He was one of three legally blind swimmers on the team; however, he was the only completely blind swimmer.

The Paralympic games take place one week after the Olympic games conclude. The Paralympic athletes are treated the same as Olympic athletes. They live in the Olympic

village with athletes from countries all around the world. Scholz met athletes from Poland, Ukraine, Japan and, of course, China. While he lived in the Olympic village, Scholz and the other athletes traded their countries pins, and Scholz came back to the United States with around 50.

The opening ceremonies at the Paralympic games also took place in the "Bird's Nest." If you recall the four hour ceremony with the amazing synchronized dancers and visually stunning pyrotechnics, this is the same venue. The American Paralympic team walked out waving to the crowd in the same Ralph Lauren outfits that Phelps, Katie Hoff and the Redeem Team sported during the opening

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Undefeated men continue at-large push, on verge of top 10

BY BRIAN HUNGARTER
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Loyola men's soccer team bolstered their case for a top-10 ranking on Sunday, putting on a truly impressive performance in their 5-0 victory over Canisius, after beating Niagara 1-0 on Friday.

The Hounds (10-0-1, 2-0 MAAC) dominated every facet of the match against the Golden Griffins, tallying an impressive 12 shots, eight of which were directed on cage. In the Greyhound defensive third, the Canisius offense attempted nine shots, only two of which required a Milos Kocic save, en route to his eighth clean sheet of the season, and fifth in the last six games.

"The defense played great today," head coach Mark Mettrick said. "We were very disappointed with the performance against Quinnipiac and to come back with two strong performances and two shutouts like this is exactly what we were looking for. We are scoring goals and posting shutouts, and that is the perfect combination for victory."

As Mettrick alluded to, the Hounds offense was running on all cylinders against the Griffins despite missing sophomore midfielder Eddie Dines and freshman Ben Hanson. Midfielder Wade McHugh played a key role in the Loyola attack, as the sophomore recorded three assists, with four different Hounds finding the net.

"It has been very different for me this season since it is my first year playing a lot," McHugh said. "It is great getting involved in the attack and really contributing to the team. It feels great."

Sophomore Glenn Leitch opened the books early for Loyola in the fourth minute, as the fullback forward in the attack collected a pass from Bannister and chipped over the keeper off his line for the early lead.

Sophomore Mike Deasel doubled the Loyola advantage in the eleventh minute, receiving a ball off a Charlie Hutton corner and blasting from the edge of the area past Canisius keeper Luke Seymour.

"That was a great bonus for Mike (Deasel)," Mettrick said. "He is such an important

player, as he anchors us in the midfield defensively, but it is always nice to get on the score sheet and I am happy for him."

Three minutes into the second half, sophomore Phil Bannister recorded his fifth goal of the 2008 campaign, thanks in part to junior Jamie Darvill and McHugh. The same players combined for the fourth Greyhound goal and Bannister's sixth, as the striker ran onto McHugh's cross and slotted past Seymour.

"It's always nice to get on the score sheet, but this weekend was really about the team," Bannister said. "It was a truly professional performance from the boys. Canisius and Niagara are both dangerous teams and we handled the pressure well."

Darvill added the final Loyola score, converting yet another McHugh cross, giving McHugh a career high for assists in a game.

"As I have been saying for a couple of weeks now, we need guys to step up and fill the void of injuries, and we did that today.

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COLL PENNINGTON GREYHOUND

Sophomore Daniel Ankrah scored the late game-winner against Niagara.

Greyhounds handle Buffalo road trip, win twice

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A lot of guys got involved today and really played well. Wade (McHugh), Cooper (Tilton), Joey (Dussalt) and Glenn (Leitch) all stepped up and played well. We need to keep this momentum going forward."

Loyola's 19th consecutive regular season contest without a loss in combination with losses for California, Illinois-Chicago, Louisville, Saint Louis, Maryland and South Florida this week, (all previously ranked higher than Loyola), mean the Greyhounds should move into the NSCAA/Adidas poll top 10 for the first time this season.

"I never thought it would be like this," McHugh said. "It is great that we are playing so well as a team and getting the recognition. We just need to keep it going and win out in our conference. Focus on one game at a time."

Additionally, Loyola is now one of only three undefeated teams left in the nation. For the record, those other two teams (Wake Forest and Northwestern) are ranked No. 1 and No. 2 respectively.

"This is a remarkable opportunity to get into the top 10 because it is not around all the time and it would be great for the program," Mettrick said. "I have to give credit to the players and the team. It is truly a remarkable achievement considering the competition and I think they deserve it."

Earlier in the week, Loyola opened conference play in a clash of two of the top teams in the MAAC on Friday, as the Greyhounds successfully defended their No. 12 ranking and undefeated record thanks to a 1-0 verdict and a last gasp strike from

sophomore Daniel Ankrah in the 89th minute at Niagara.

The match of No. 1 vs. No 3 in the NSCAA/adidas North Atlantic Region poll lived up to the hype with a fast-paced offensive match featuring 38 shots in the 90 minutes, 18 of which were directed at goal, despite the meager scoreline.

"The match with Niagara was a real battle," Mettrick said. "Niagara is a very good team having a good year and that was a difficult game. They will be one of the best teams in the conference this year and it is really nice to get the result from that game."

As the seconds ticked away towards a goalless draw at the end of regulation, Loyola worked the ball up the flank to Darvill, who crossed from the wing in front of goal, where Ankrah was streaking in on net to finish with a sliding shot past Niagara keeper John Fiutowski. The score marked Ankrah's second goal of the season, both of which were game-winners.

Additionally, it is the third late game-winning strike from Loyola this season, as Bannister scored in the 89th minute to beat Towson earlier in the year, and freshman Mark Jaskolski netted in the 90th minute to defeat Quinnipiac.

"It is unbelievable to win games like that," Bannister said. "After working so hard throughout the course of the match, to break through and get the winner is an awesome feeling."

The clean sheet was Kocic's seventh of the season, as the Serbian made six saves in the process.

With the victory, the Greyhounds improve

their all-time record to 17-2 against the Purple Eagles.

The men return to the friendly confines of Diane Geppi-Aikens field next week for two conference matches against Marist and Siena, something Bannister is heavily anticipating.

"We feel like our home ground is like a fort and no team is going to come in and take it from us," Bannister said. "Our fans give us great support and we feel very comfortable at home. It just seems like we all play that much better."

The Greyhounds meet the Stags on Friday before taking on the Saints on Sunday. Kickoff on Friday is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.



KAT KIENLE/GREYHOUND

Jamie Darvill, as always, has been a crucial asset to the Hounds' offense in 2008.

Women's volleyball struggle to win at home and on the road

BY KYLE ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

The women's volleyball team's struggles continued under new head coach Scott Pennewill this week, as the Greyhounds dropped three contests 3-0 against Howard, Saint Peter's and Fairfield.

The women lost 15-25, 23-25, 19-25 on Sunday at Fairfield, plummeting their record to 4-17 overall and 1-7 in MAAC play. Fairfield (10-9, 8-0 MAAC) remains undefeated in MAAC play.

Loyola found itself down early to the Stags 11-3, but was able to crawl back, cutting the score 15-9. A key kill by junior Nicole Scimeme highlighted Loyola's run.

Fairfield continued to pull away thanks to three consecutive errors by the Hounds. The Greyhounds refused to give up however as they scored three straight points, making the score 20-13. Loyola could not hold on however and the Stags took the first set 25-15.

Loyola was able to stay with the Stags in the second set, as the two teams tied 14 times and exchanged leads eight times throughout the set. After a Scimeme kill, the Hounds found themselves on top 13-10 but once again Fairfield made a huge run, scoring eight of nine points, giving them an 18-14 lead.

Later, down 20-17 Loyola scored four straight points, giving them a 21-20 advantage. Two blocks by junior Stasia Collins and kills by sophomore Nina Camaioni and junior

Karlee Woodward led Loyola's run.

Fairfield's offense proved too strong for Loyola however, and thanks to two consecutive kills Fairfield took the second set 25-23.

The third set was also very closely contested as the two teams alternated points on 18 straight possessions, tying the score 10-10. A kill by Collins gave the Hounds a 12-11 lead, but Fairfield was able to score eight of the next nine points, giving the Stags the lead 20-12.

Loyola could not recover from the deficit and dropped the final set 19-25. Woodward led the team offensively with eight kills and three blocks. Scimeme and senior Rachel Schillinger both added six kills of their own.

On the defensive side, Camaioni led the team with 18 digs, while sophomore Brittany Born posted 16.

Throughout the match, Loyola hit for only a .060 hitting percentage, with 27 kills and 20 errors.

In the second match of the week, the Hounds were swept in three sets by St. Peter's, 19-25, 16-25, 23-25. Loyola had only a .106 hitting percentage throughout the match, while St. Peter's boasted a percentage of .306.

After a block by junior Karlee Woodward, the Hounds found themselves down a mere one point at 18-17 to the Peahens in the first set. Loyola could not build any momentum however, as St. Peter's scored six of the next

seven points, putting Loyola down 24-18. A service error for the Greyhounds closed out the initial set.

In the second set, Loyola improved its hitting percentage to .269, but once again was overshadowed by St. Peter's who hit an astonishing .708. The usually impressive Greyhound defense had no answer for the Peahens, who had 17 kills and no errors in the second set.

After five consecutive points in the third set, Loyola found themselves on top 13-11. However, the Peahens had a run of their own and regained the lead 19-15. Later, trailing 24-20 Loyola gave one last push scoring three straight points, but a kill by St. Peter's closed the set 25-23.

Sophomore Nina Camaioni led the Loyola offense with seven kills, while senior Rachel Schillinger and junior Stasia Collins each had five. Sophomore Brittany Born once again led the team defensively with 12 digs. Junior Kristen Muscarella pitched in with eight digs of her own, while Camaioni had seven.

In the first match of the week the Greyhounds played three very closely contested sets with Howard University, but in the end was swept 24-26, 24-26, 23-25.

Throughout the match, Loyola was once again plagued by inconsistent serve receive, which is what Coach Scott Pennewill thinks was the deciding factor.

"When you don't pass the serve, it limits you offensively," said Pennewill. "When we don't pass well, we become one dimensional,

NSCAA/adidas Poll Top 12 (10/7/08)

1. Wake Forest (10-0-0)
2. Northwestern (9-0-2)
3. Creighton (7-1-1)
4. Akron (7-1-2)
5. St. John's (8-1-2)
6. California (6-1-3)
7. Illinois-Chicago (8-0-3)
8. Louisville (8-1-2)
9. Saint Louis (4-0-5)
10. Maryland (7-3-0)
11. South Florida (6-1-2)
12. Loyola (8-0-1)

Women unbeaten in MAAC play, Swimming and diving open the new season in style

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headed in for the second score of the game. The header was the midfielder's first goal of the season.

After halftime, the Greyhounds relied upon their tough defense of senior Sarra Moller and Co. to keep the lead at 2-0. Throughout the game, the Peahens only got off two shots on goal.

In the 61st minute junior Christina Gomez, grabbed a ball in open field, and ripped a low fast shot that found the left side of the goal. Loyola would add their fourth and final score of the game ten minutes later.

Senior Lea Day, received a ball on the 18 yard box and one-touched a ball on the near post past the Saint Peter's Goalkeeper.

"Our difficult out-of conference schedule was indeed set up to prepare us for our MAAC play," stated Vettori. "The conference is what counts, and we are preparing for every game as though it is the MAAC championship."

Battling tough, battling hard; this idea has been present throughout most of program this season. Sunday's matchup against MAAC foe Manhattan was no exception.

After coming off of a blistering victory against Saint Peter's, where the offense was in full force, the Greyhounds were slowed down by the Jaspers on a bright Sunday morning in Riverdale, New York.

"This was a very physical game. Extremely physical," said Coach Vettori. "We played really hard as both our team and Manhattan

and had some good opportunities."

Throughout the first half, neither team could capitalize offensively as both teams' defenses stood firm on not letting any balls find the net.

"Sarra Moller and Heather Cooke had fantastic games defending the ball," stated Vettori. It was not until the 33rd minute of the match where the Jaspers struck first.

Courtney McMahon broke free from a Loyola defender and received a cross from her teammate Alexander Konneker. McMahon struck a shot at the goal and was able to wedge the ball past Loyola goalkeeper Brittany Henderson.

Nearly 20 minutes later, the Jaspers were whistled for a foul and Loyola had a direct kick just outside of the 18-yard box.

Senior Theresa Ferraina served up a right-left bending kick that found sophomore Kelly Farrell, who put a head on the ball. Running to chase the ball was the junior defender Cooke, who put a foot on the ball and evened up the contest at a goal apiece.

After regulation, both teams fought relentlessly to defend their goal and to attempt to win the game. However, the tough physical battle that took place on the field hindered any hopes of a win for both squads.

"This was an interesting place to play," said Coach Vettori. "It was a very noisy venue, and Manhattan played very well. By coming out of here with a tie, I think this was a good result for us."

By MATTHEW KIEBUS
STAFF WRITER

Loyola's swim team opened the year with a major splash. It was an exciting day at the Mangione Aquatic Center on Saturday, as nine records fell in a quad meet against Boston College, Catholic University of America and the U.S. Naval Academy.

Two Loyola school records were broken, the men's 100m backstroke and the women's 200m individual medley.

Three pool records were broken, women's 50m freestyle and women's 1 and two meter diving. Phil Scholz set four more American records as he continues to set Paralympic marks.

Loyola's men defeated both Boston College and Catholic University, while the Greyhound women were victorious over Catholic.

Navy came out on top of the meet, defeating Loyola, Boston College and Catholic University on both the men's and women's side.

"It was thrill to see how fast our men swam in the first relay," said Loyola coach Brian Loeffler. "They set the tone for what was a great first meet for us."

"I know they were excited to win the relay and almost break the school record. We do not typically break school relay records until MAAC's."

In her first collegiate meet, Courtney Trivino made waves, not only in the pool but on the Loyola record book. Trivino set a school record in the 200-yard individual medley, winning the event in a time of 2:10.77.

"Courtney had 4 great races today. It was very impressive for her to break a school record in her final event of the day, after some challenging swims earlier." Said Loeffler

Sam McQuaid was the other Loyola school-record setting swimmer on Saturday. McQuaid smashed his own Loyola mark in the 100-yard backstroke, winning the event in 51.72. Knocking .39 off his previous best of 52.11, set last season.

Loyola's Philip Scholz set four more American Paralympics Records in the S11 category—bringing his total to 19 for his career.

"Philip has picked up where he left off last season, rewriting the American record books for blind athletes," Loeffler said. "I expect more will fall as the season continues."

Other winning Greyhounds on the afternoon were sophomore Ozzy Torres, who took the 100-yard butterfly, sophomore Matt Fralinger who won the 100-yard breaststroke, and the 200-yard freestyle and medley men's relay teams.

The Greyhounds continue their season on October 25 for their annual Alumni Meet at 1 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS

SEPTEMBER '08 STUDENT EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

CALLIE REESE & DEB ASHAMU

The Department of Recreational Sports is proud to acknowledge **Callie Reese & Deb Ashamu** as our September 2008 Student Employees of the Month!

Callie has been employed with the department since August 2006 as a Welcome Desk Attendant. Over her two years with the department and most recently last month, Callie demonstrates strong leadership skills while assisting with area-specific common training and staff meetings. Over the past month, Callie accepted new responsibilities by assisting with policy and procedure review, by mentoring new student employees through shift shadowing and by communicating well with peers and her supervisors. Callie continues to show an appreciation for the diverse needs of our membership base and has emerged as a leader among our relatively young student staff.

Deb has been employed with the department since January 2007 as an Equipment Room Attendant. Over the past year, Deb has proven to be an integral component of our staff, scheduling herself voluntarily for at least two or more opening shifts each semester. Deb also embraces the team concept by covering various shifts for her fellow staff members. Over the last semester she has grown into a role model for other staff members by the positive examples she demonstrates in operational consistency and policy enforcement.

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No football, no baseball, no problem for Loyola students

BY KYLE ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

A walk around campus can tell you a lot about a school. When walking on the quad here at Loyola, one can not help but notice a myriad of Phillies hats and Red Sox sweatshirts. Those who previously donned the Orioles, Yankees and Mets caps now wear their Ravens, Giants and Jets apparel proudly. I think I might have even seen a Tampa Bay Devil Rays hat somewhere around, too.

Walking through the dorms on Sundays, one is certain to see dozens of students wearing their favorite football jerseys and probably hear dozens more screaming at their televisions after a crucial turnover. The day of a huge game for the Mets, Yankees, Red Sox or Orioles will surely be accompanied by a sea of team hats, shirts, sweatshirts or any other clothing item with a team logo. Needless to say, Loyola students love baseball and football.

Now this may seem obvious, but it is interesting to note that Loyola has no varsity football or baseball team.

College football is one of the most popular sports in the country, with millions of viewers tuned in every week to watch their alma mater take on its most hated rival. Likewise, college baseball also draws abundant fans, as the College World Series can be one of the most exciting playoffs, just ask Fresno

State, the upset winner of the 2008 College World Series.

Seemingly every major school has a huge football or baseball program that has been established throughout the years. Schools like Ohio State, Penn State, Texas, Georgia and countless others are known primarily for their impressive football and baseball programs. Needless to say it seems Loyola will never be among the schools that pride themselves in their collegiate football or baseball programs.

So why don't Loyola students want their school to be like every other one? Why are Loyola students not clamoring for a varsity football or baseball team? The simple answer is, they don't have to.

Loyola does not need to have a football or baseball program when it boasts two excellent teams in currently less popular, yet quickly growing sports: soccer and lacrosse.

Presently the men's soccer team is ranked #12 in the country and is undefeated with a record of 10-0-1.

Last season, in 2007, the men's soccer team won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship, and was narrowly defeated in the NCAA tournament. The two previous years, in 2006 and 2005, the men made it to the MAAC semifinals before being eliminated. It is clear that Loyola's men's soccer team is steadily improving and is currently making a name for itself in the

national polls, and to a national audience.

The Loyola men's lacrosse team has experienced much success in its history and has most recently won the Eastern College Athletic Conference championship in 2008. The team is a perennial contender for a NCAA berth, and was most recently eliminated from the NCAA tournament by #1 ranked Duke in the 2008 NCAA tournament. The Greyhounds are also part of one of the most historic and exciting rivalries in college lacrosse, against Johns Hopkins. It is always certain that no matter who the men's lacrosse team is playing, they will surely give the fans something to cheer about.

The women's soccer team most recently made the NCAA tournament in 2007 and has previously made the tournament in 2004 and 2003. The women currently hold a seven match unbeaten streak and have turned it around since the beginning of the year.

The women also reached the MAAC semifinals in 2006 and 2005. Finally, the women's lacrosse team at Loyola is another group worth cheering for. The women posted a 14-4 record in 2004 and are looking to find this success in their 2008-2009 season.

It has become apparent that Loyola is not like every other school. Loyola does not have a prestigious football program that attracts national attention, nor does Loyola have a baseball team that has produced numerous Major League stars.

If Loyola had started a football or baseball program, how many fans would miss out on the great things these soccer and lacrosse teams are doing because they were too busy watching a sport they are already overexposed too?

That exciting 5-4 win the men's soccer team had against Quinnipiac last Saturday would have been missed by nearly all, as the football team would have played that Saturday.

Anyone can watch college football on television. Seeing the Johns Hopkins-Loyola lacrosse game is something special that only students and local fans can enjoy. Anyone can watch Georgia play Fresno State in the College World Series. How many people can watch Loyola's men's soccer team go down to the wire with Maryland in the NCAA tournament?

Maybe Loyola isn't like other schools, in that we aren't obsessed with our college football and baseball programs. But judging by the number of fans at our lacrosse and soccer games, and the success of these teams, it becomes apparent that Loyola students do not want to be like every other school. We'll gladly take our thrilling soccer and lacrosse teams over the mediocre football and baseball teams most other school have.

No football? No baseball? To me, no problem.

Scholz cherishes Beijing experience

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ceremony.

Loyola swim coach Brian Loeffler and his family also went to Beijing to cheer on Scholz.

"To see him compete in such an amazing facility was a once in a lifetime experience," said Loeffler. "The Chinese did everything to make it look and feel like the Olympics."

Many of Scholz's German family also flew out to Beijing to root him on.

"They were excited for me and really excited for Taxi," said Scholz.

Scholz qualified for five events at the swimming competition: 100 meter butterfly, 400 meter freestyle, 100 meter freestyle, 100 meter backstroke and 50 meter freestyle.



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Scholz in front of the Paralympic Village shrubbery in Beijing, China.

The big difference between swimming in the Olympics and Paralympics was that the finals in the Olympics were held in the morning because of the star power of Michael Phelps; the time difference let his races air live in prime time. The Paralympic qualifying races were held in the morning, and the finals were at night.

Scholz qualified for the finals in the 100 meter butterfly and the 400 meter freestyle. He finished eighth in the 100 meter fly and fifth in the 400 meter freestyle. Scholz led the 400 free after the first 100 meters and was in medal contention after 300 meters. Although Scholz didn't medal during his first trip to the Paralympics, the journey was still a fulfilling experience.

"The games were an experience I'd never trade for the world," said Scholz.

Outside the competition, Scholz got to experience some sight-seeing in China. The Paralympic team made a trip to visit the Great Wall of China, the only manmade structure you can see from space and the Beijing Silk Market.

"The builders of the Great Wall probably never thought a group of Paralympic athletes would be trying to navigate the Great Wall," said Scholz.

Scholz always shows a good sense of humor with his disability. On the flight home he was seated in the exit row. When the flight attendant noticed this, he responded he might not be the best person to sit there in case of an emergency.

The next step is London in 2012, where Loeffler believes Scholz should be in medal contention in the 100 meter butterfly and 400 meter freestyle.

But for now, Phil Scholz is just another sophomore at Loyola College, with one hell of a story.



Introductory Comments by Moderator

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October 14 - October 20

TODAY14	WED15	THU16	FRI17	SAT18	SUN19	MON20
Women's Volleyball at George Washington 7 pm	No Events Today	No Events Today	Fall Break	Fall Break	Fall Break	Classes Resume

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CONGO WEEK AT LOYOLA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th

**7pm, Knott Hall B03 Documentary: The Greatest Silence:
Rape in the Congo,**

introduction by Dr. Betsy Schmidt, History and Q&A by Fr. Bienvenu Matanzonga, S.J. and Dr. Matthias Cinyabuguma, Professor, Economics, UMBC

***This film will also be shown on WLOY on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7pm and 8:30 pm.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

12pm-6pm Cell-OUT

Turn off your cell phone for 6 hours and change your voicemail message to bring awareness of the brutal war raging in the Congo.

The Cell-OUT is a global cell phone usage boycott to bring awareness of the Congo conflict over coltan, a natural resource that is used in ALL cell phones. Eighty percent of the world's reserve of Coltan comes from the Congo and contributes to the conflict there.

12:10pm Mass in Alumni Memorial Chapel

Celebrated by Fr. Bienvenu Matanzonga, S.J., a Congolese Jesuit.

6pm FREE Chimes Concert – Path of Hope

The Chimes, will perform songs of hope starting in Flannery O'Connor Hall continuing to Boulder and ending in Primos. All are welcome to join along the path.

Other Events During Congo Week

Monday-Wednesday, 11am-2pm:

Information Tables will be outside of Boulder Café with more information about the DR Congo as well as:

- Ribbons with the Pan-African colors will be available. *Please consider wearing a ribbon for the week to show your solidarity. Suggested donation is \$1. Proceeds will be given to: Women For Women International (www.womenforwomen.org)*
- Free posters with the Pan-African flag colors. *Demonstrate your hope for the Congolese by hanging a poster in your residence hall or office window.*

Co-sponsored by: Loyola for Congo Women, The Women's Center, The Center for Community Service and Justice Campus Ministry, International Affairs Association, The Office of Student Activities, BOW (Beauty of Women) African Student Union and Children in Need.